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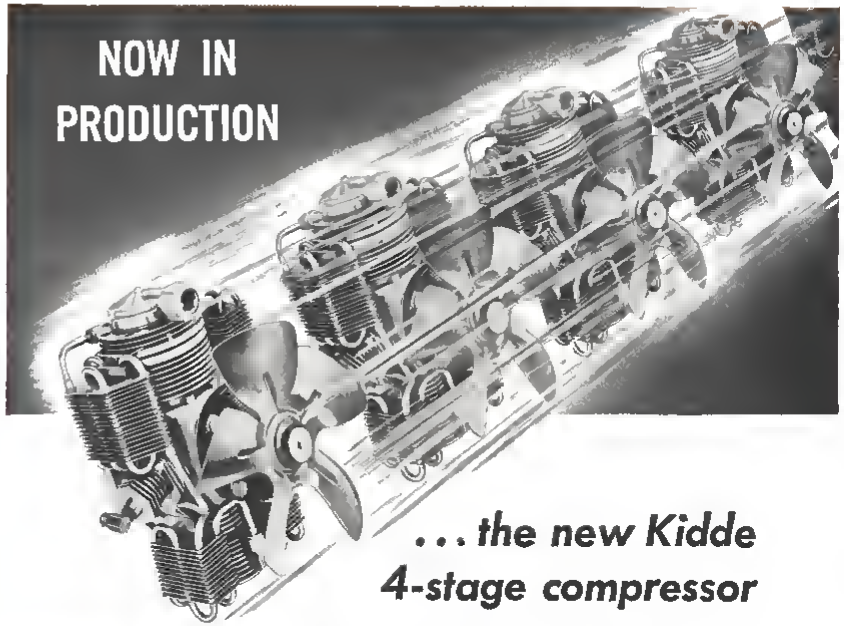
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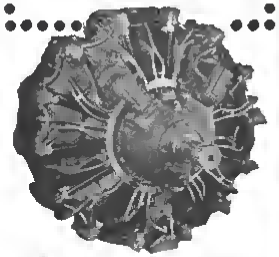
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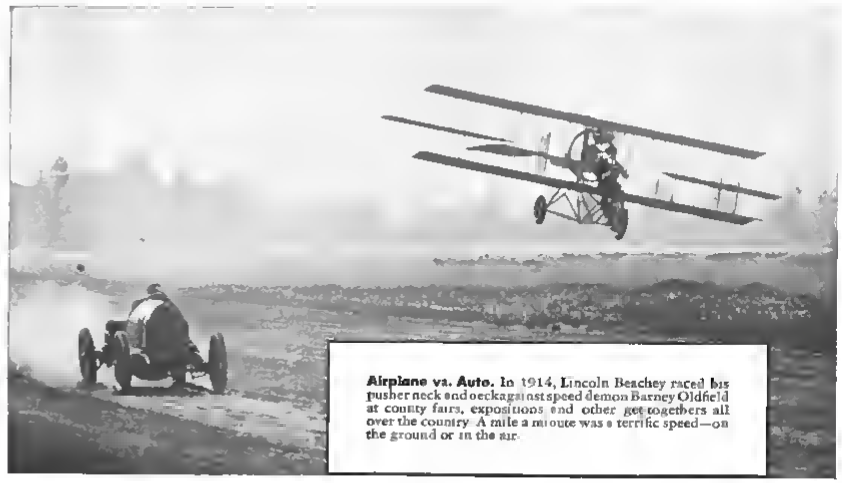
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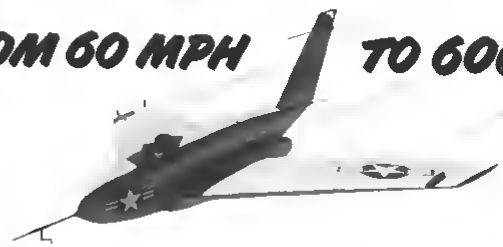
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# NEWS DIGEST

## DOMESTIC

**Lockheed** has reached agreement with IAM Aeronautical Lodge 1996 covering wages and conditions at the company's bomber plant at Marietta Ga., currently modifying B-29s. Employee privileges, pay provisions and rates are to be negotiated locally. Labor grades for higher skills in factory and technical office classifications at Marietta carry the same minimum and maximum wage rates as at Burbank. Wage rates are still to be approved by USAF and Wage Stabilization Board.

**New world speed record** of 469 mph for propeller-drive planes was set Apr. 9 by Jacqueline Cochran flying a North American F-51 over a 16-mi. straight-away course at Indio, Calif. Miss Cochran now holds five of the seven recognized world's speed records for different distances in the open class for piston powered planes.

**Air express shipments** handled by scheduled U. S. airlines in February totaled 455,315, an increase of 57 per cent over a year ago, with revenues being more than $2.7 million, an 88 percent increase over 1949. Pounds carried exceeded 13 million, a 131.2 percent increase.

**TWA** has sold its five Boeing Stratoliners to a French nonsked airline operating in Africa, Aigle d'Azure (Blue Eagle). The deal was handled through ECA. TWA is overhauling the planes prior to delivery. Price for the fleet was $550,000.

**Southwest Airways** DC-3 crash in California took lives of all 22 persons aboard when the local service airliner flew into the side of a mountain.

## FINANCIAL

**Slick Airways** reports the first profitable first quarter in its history—estimated at $287,000, before taxes resulting from carrying 16.3 million ton miles—a 123 percent increase in traffic over 1950's corresponding period. March ton mileage was 5,664,093.

**Electric Boat Co.** and its aircraft subsidiary, Canadair Ltd., sales during 1950 declined to $41,754,339 from 1949's $45,234,961. Backlog at the end of 1950 was $91,260,000, almost double the $45,780,000 backlog at the close of the preceding year.

**Standard-Thomson Corp.** reports a net profit of $585,811 after taxes for the nine months ended Feb. 28, compared with a profit of $396,955 in the similar period of the previous fiscal year. Net sales for the latest nine months were $7,833,080, a 54-percent gain over the like period a year ago.

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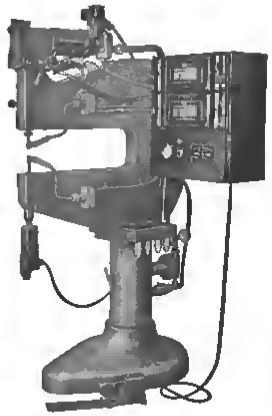
Oldsmobile division of GM will soon begin construction of a building providing 700,000 sq. ft. of space near its Lansing, Mich., forging operation to handle compressor and turbine subcontracts for the Buick-built Wright J-65 Sapphire. . . . Beech Aircraft Corp. has received a "substantial order" from the Royal Canadian Air Force for Beech 18 twin-engine trainers and communications planes. . . . Kaman Aircraft Corp. is doubling its production facilities and personnel to handle its $18 million backlog. Employment on Feb. 1 had risen to 500. . . . Westinghouse Electric Corp. has received an $8.5 million Navy contract for radar equipment which it will build at its Springfield, Mass., plant, used to handle military radio work in World War II. The Westinghouse Television & Radio division, Sunbury, Conn., has received four contracts totaling about $12 million for military radio test equipment, transmitters and other electronic gear.

## INTERNATIONAL

**Canadian Pacific Air Lines** made a net profit in 1950 of $203,000 compared with a net loss of $113,000 in 1949. Gross revenues in Canadian domestic operations increased 9.9 percent.

**English Electric Canberra** has been developed into a photo-reconnaissance version, the P.R. Mk. 3.

**British European Airways** experienced a deficit of $880,353.60 during January, its most disappointing month since Nov., 1948. Even though the carrier earned more than in January, 1950, it cost it 14 percent more to earn it.

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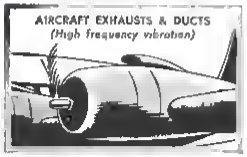
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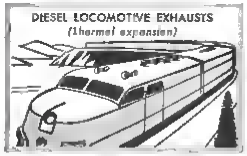
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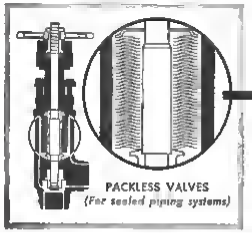
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## SIDELIGHTS

### *Air Force*

Aircraft Production Resources Agency, joint Air Force-Navy materials scheduling unit, is coordinating its program with Air Force bureaus and recently held a conference with them to explain how its scheduling operations could be of use to them and their contractors Newest Dayton telephone directory lists resident representatives of 32 aircraft engine and equipment companies

A Boeing C-97 Stratofreighter has chalked up 244 flight hours during its first 27 days' service at Kelly AFB, Tex., an average of 9 plus hours per day Commanding general of Turkish Air Force Lt Gen Muzaffer Goksenin is in the U S as guest of the USAF for a tour of the aircraft industry and to speed up MDAP deliveries to Turkey Commanding general of the newly activated 18th Troop Carrier AF is Maj Gen Robert W Douglass Jr, he has been special assistant to USAF's commanding general in Europe Air Training Command announces selection of Northrop Aeronautical Institute, Hawthorne Cal, as a training center for AF airframe repairmen but school's civilian courses will not be affected

### *Navy*

Rear Admiral Ralph Arnold is named Aviation Supply Officer Aviation Supply Office Philadelphia he will also serve as commanding officer of the Naval Aviation Supply Depot for the 4th Naval District Capt Walter Diehl USN pioneer in aerodynamic and aircraft design retired Mar 31 Marine Corps has been delivering front line mail to troops in Korea with colored parachutes

### *Army*

The famous 508th Airborne Infantry Regiment is being reactivated at Ft Bragg N C It will be a separate regiment assigned to 3rd Army HQ It will be expanded to regimental combat team strength Col Joseph Cleland is commanding

### *Air National Guard*

Ten tow target flights have been ordered into service by May 15 involving 650 officers and men from units in 10 states They will fly B-26s

### *CAB*

House Appropriations Committee approved $25 000 more for CAB's study of separating subsidy from air mail pay Board expects to have a formula for separation by mid-year and will apply it to the 16 domestic trunklines during the last half of 1951 First victim of CAB's new code of ethics forbidding "influence" peddling was California Eastern Airways plan for a Washington-West Coast press trip so reporters could visit hearings on Cal Eastern's (and

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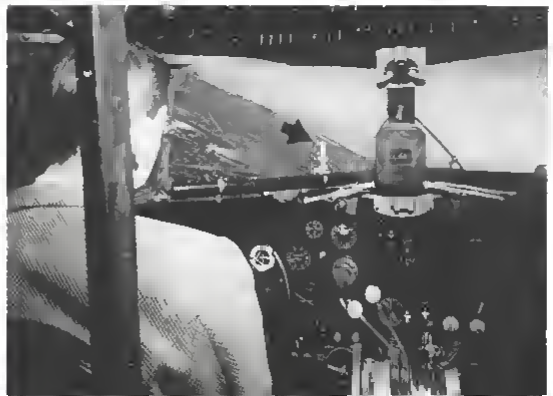
WELL-TANKED—Republic XF-91 high-altitude USAF interceptor has been fitted with these sleek company-designed-and-built multi-finned auxiliary fuel tanks of 500-gal capacity each to boost the 800-mph.-plus fighter's duration. Pylons, tanks can be jettisoned



NEW CAREER IN KOREA—Sikorsky H-19 copter undergoes tempiace trials for evacuation of combat wounded



LANDING A CUTLASS—Vought F7U-1 Cutlass twin-jet carrier fighter comes in with hook down during deck landing tests.



AUTOPILOT HAS STEADY NERVES—New improved autopilot developed by Minneapolis-Honeywell and the Navy shows its acute sensitivity as cigarette (arrow) remains upright during a 30-deg. bank Note the slanted horizon through the test plane's windshield

# Military Aviation Picture Highlights







# WHO'S WHERE

## In the Front Office

**W. L. Landers** has been named vice president of Fairchild Engine & Airplane Corp. and general manager of the Airplane division. With Fairchild since 1945, when he joined the Aircraft division as head of the production department, Landers has spent 17 yr. in the industry and is known as a top production and manufacturing executive.

**A. S. Blumenthal** has been appointed vice president manufacturing of the Aircraft division of Majestic Metal Specialties Corp., Moosup, Conn., and **Morton L. Frank** has been made vice president and comptroller of the division. Blumenthal has over 25 yr. of production experience, including posts with Fairchild and Bellanca. Frank, prior to his new appointment was treasurer and assistant general manager of Bellanca.

**Gordon Murphy** has been promoted to vice president manufacturing of the Precision Gear division of Foote Bros. Gear & Machine Corp., Chicago. His previous position was as manager of manufacturing for the division. He joined the firm in 1947.

## Changes

**William H. Gunderson** has been named plant manager of Bell Aircraft's operations in the former Globe Aircraft facility at Ft. Worth, Tex., which will work on jet engine nacelles. **James P. McNamara** has been appointed manager of industrial relations of Bell Aircraft. **Lt. Col. S. E. Cleveland** has been made field project officer in charge of the Fairchild Kaiser C-119 project.

**Lester M. Hitchcock** is the new staff engineer in charge of structures for Boeing Airplane's engineering division, replacing **George Snyder**, recently put in charge of a classified project.

**Dudley H. Digges**, with RFC for 17 yr., has been named assistant manager of contracts for Convair's San Diego division. **Andrew Kahnusky**, formerly chief engineer of the NEPA project, has been appointed manager of M. W. Kellog Co.'s Special Projects department, which is handling rocket motor research. **Kenneth E. Fersch** has been made Dayton, Ohio, representative of Curtiss-Wright's Propeller division, succeeding **A. L. Ervin, Jr.**, who has been promoted to coordinator of military programs.

**W. N. Stone** has been appointed assistant chief engineer at Kaman Aircraft and **R. D. Moses** has been named senior engineer in charge of Kaman's new engineering offices at 128 Allyn St., Hartford, Conn. **G. K. Peets** has been promoted to factory manager in charge of all aircraft jet engine production of Packard Motor Car Co. **Robert B. Kinkead**, industrial aircraft specialist with the Defense Supply Board of NATO, has joined Republic Aviation Corp. as director of the European division. **Leverett (Pete) Wenk** has been named director of training for Republic.

# INDUSTRY OBSERVER

► **Air Force is getting ready to install new scientific weighing equipment for thrust measurements on new jet aircraft at Edwards AFB, Muroc, Calif., after industry weight specialists provide opinions on requirements. Up until now the Muroc testing center has had to rely almost entirely on thrust measuring equipment provided by the various manufacturers.**

► The Canadian government plans to build a two-place jet training plane of American design and equipped with a low power centrifugal-type jet engine, according to Air Vice Marshall Frank McGill, in charge of Canada's aircraft production. The jet trainer will be used to bridge pilot training from Canadian-made North American Harvard (T-6) training planes to the Canadian produced CF-100 and F-86E jet fighters.

► **Aircraft manufacturers are asking CAB to defer the standardization program for flight instrument panel layout, panel lighting and cockpits of conventional transport airplanes, on the ground that turbojet and turboprop transports will need standardization along with the conventional craft but won't be ready until they have had more service experience.**

► While North American has completed successful rocket firing tests with 24 Mighty Mouse 2.75 in. solid propellant rockets carried by the F-86D all weather jet interceptor, unification hasn't yet reached the point where the Air Force will specify the Navy-developed projectile for the all weather fighter. However, the test results will come in handy for the FJ-2 Navy all weather jet interceptor, which will be very similar to the F-86D.

► **Sikorsky Aircraft expects that the first S-55 helicopter to be delivered outside the U. S. military services will go to Westland Aircraft Ltd., British licensee-manufacturer, which is already preparing to make the big 10-place copter.**

► Contracts received by Alvis Ltd. for a substantial quantity of the 550-hp Leonides engine, for the new RAF Percival P.56 Mk.2 basic trainer establishes the Leonides as probably the most important piston engine in the future British production picture. Every postwar aircraft in Britain using an engine in this power class has now been powered with one of the Leonides six models. Principal previous installations are in the Westland-Sikorsky S-51 Dragonfly helicopter, twin-engine Percival Prince, and single-engine and twin-engine Bristol helicopters.

► **Convair engineers will add a plenum chamber to the air inlet duct system of each Allison T-40 turboprop engine on the Convair XP5Y-1 flying boat to prevent flame quenching encountered during landings using reverse propeller pitch. Under these conditions, the prop blade tips have been throwing quantities of water upwards and forwards, which then came back into the inlet ducts.**

► First deliveries in Beech's quantity order of D18S twin-engine navigation trainers for the Royal Canadian Air Force are scheduled to begin in May. This gives a new lease on life to the 18s which had been scheduled to be phased out in favor of the smaller Beech Twin Bonanzas, as commercial and executive planes. Beech sold over 7000 military versions of the Model 18 in World War II, afterwards produced a substantial number for executive transports.

► **New high-altitude ejection bailout techniques for USAF jet pilots, developed in recent tests at Holloman AFB, provide for the pilot to separate from his seat as soon as the ejection procedure is completed, instead of riding down with it, as formerly. Emergency oxygen supply will be attached to the pilots' flying suit, instead of to the seat. He will "free fall" to a pre-determined altitude at which a preset automatic device is designed to open his chute. Change in procedure followed tests indicating that high rates of rotation and severe buffeting was experienced in the long delayed drops with the seats, with severe discomfort to the jumpers.**

# Washington Roundup

## Little and Late

Washington talks urgency and emergency But the push behind military mobilization that was at high tide in December after the Chinese Communist onslaught in Korea seems to ebb with time

The President finally submitted a recommendation to Congress for an additional $6 billion for the armed services for this fiscal year It was three months late and $14 billion below the Joint Chiefs of Staff's estimated requirement

**The JCS program for partial mobilization would have required $20 billion in January to reach an effective nucleus of fighting strength in being by mid-1952.**

In December, senators on the Appropriations Committee berated the military command for being "partial', instead of "all-out', on defense mobilization Now they seem unconcerned that the time table for even "partial" mobilization isn't being met

The Administration isn't cutting back on the JCS program, it's just extending it over a longer period of time This course is a triumph for politics over preparedness and economy By stretching it out, the program will:

• **Moneywise,** require less this year and next year, easing the pressure for unpopular tax hikes Over-all, it will cost more "Spacing out" adds overhead cost

• **Defense-wise,** put off attainment of the JCS target strength from mid 1952 to mid 1954 and maybe to a later date

## Taft on Air Power

Republican leader Sen Robert Taft's floor speech picturing the Senate as bold and farsighted on air power left listeners dazed

Taft said

"Let me state what the circumstances were in regard to the 70-group Air Force The Senate voted for it Then the Senate voted for it a second time The conferees on the part of the Senate stood up for it, against the conferees on the part of the House Finally, the entire delegation visited the President He said, 'Even if you put provision for the 70-group Air Force in the bill, I will not use the money'."

The fact is the Senate, including Taft, overwhelmingly, and with insistence, backed the Truman Johnson slash in the 70-group Air Force program

This is the record

Early in 1949, the House, under the leadership of Chairman Carl Vinson of its Armed Services Committee and Chairman George Mahon of its Armed Services Appropriations Subcommittee, added $578 million for plane procurement to the 1950 fiscal year Truman Johnson USAF budget to implement the 70-group build-up

**Senate Appropriations Committee struck out the additional money.**

**The Senate concurred, voting 49 to 9, on August 26, 1949, against restoration of the $578 million. Taft was among the 49 opposing the 70-group funds.**

Backed by this overwhelming support, Senate conferees refused to give in to the House insistence on the 70 group build up Finally, on October 10, the House, 305 to 1, directed its conferees to continue their insistence

At this point, former Sen Elmer Thomas, then Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Appropriations Subcommittee, and other members of the group called at the White House They reached an understanding that the President would impound the 70 group funds, even if they were voted, Thomas told reporters at the time. Because of this understanding, he said, the Senate would give in to the House—which it did

The President and former Defense Secretary Louis Johnson subsequently more than made good on the agreement The President impounded the $578 million, Johnson cut an additional $183 million off USAF procurement funds.

Given a choice between strategic and tactical air, USAF saw fit to economize on the tactical side

## CAB Friends and Influence

Republican Sen Owen Brewster has put Senate Democrats on the spot by publicly urging an investigation of airline influence over CAB and the White House

Informed observers mark it down that Brewster is no more anxious for the investigation than the Democratic leadership An unveiling of airline politicking, observers think, would feature members of both political parties

**Brewster's maneuver has put responsibility for any failure to have an investigation on the Democratic leadership.**

The situation shapes up like this in the Senate

• **Small Business Committee** will open hearings on the nonskeds' role in air transportation this week or next The nonskeds are calling for investigation of scheduled airline influence This could lead into reviews of the Pan American American Overseas merger and other cases.

But Chairman Edwin Johnson of Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, and Sen Brewster have made it clear they will insist that Small Business keep within its jurisdiction and not invade Commerce Committee's territory

• **Interstate Commerce Committee.** If this group goes ahead with a CAB investigation, it's generally expected that it will be mild, except for one factor Committee member Charles Tobey He's the Senate's leading crusader against evils in government

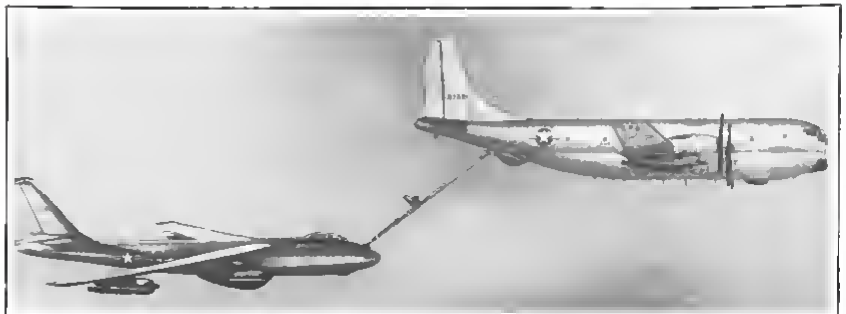
Sen Warren Magnuson commented 'What we need is constructive legislation, instead of more investigation' It seems to be the general attitude of the committee

• **Expenditures in Executive Department Committee** Sen William Fulbright, whose Banking and Currency Subcommittee investigated Reconstruction Finance Corp., has suggested that this group follow through with investigations of Maritime Commission, CAB, and other agencies But there's no indication yet that this committee will look into CAB

• **Public Welfare Committee.** A subcommittee headed by Sen Paul Douglas, who also figured in the RFC probe, is considering the Fulbright bill to establish a ten member commission of private citizens to evaluate morals and ethics in government and draw up a code of behavior for officials —**Katherine Johnsen**



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# Fueled in Flight

Recent brief announcement of successful in-flight refueling of the Boeing six jet-engined B-47B brings a step nearer the global combat effectiveness of the Strategic Air Command

Serious drawback to SAC's fastest atom-bomb carrier has been its long range flight limitations Although range of the B-47 unrefueled is known to exceed 2300 mi—the XB-47 two years ago flew approximately that mileage from Larson AFB, Wash., to Andrews AFB, Md It is still considered short-range in terms of the SAC mission Desirable combat radius sought by SAC for bombers is 5000 mi with bomb load Successful in-flight refueling brings the B-47 close to this requirement

▶ **All-Weather Problems**—Biggest problem yet to be solved is the present inefficiency of radar equipment in effecting a pin-point homing of the two aircraft for the refueling operation So far, actual refueling operations are still almost completely dependent—upon visibility

Present radar homing equipment, such as is used aboard current production aircraft (B-47 B-50, B-29, B-45, F-84), leaves much to be desired for all-weather refueling, an Air Force official said Recently published reports indicating that an all-weather flight refueling contact can be accomplished in 10-15 minutes are highly optimistic, he declared, although such accuracy might be possible in another year or two.

All weather technique according to top Air Force sources, is still theoretical And much of SAC's combat effectiveness depends upon its all weather capabilities In flight refueling will be of little military value unless it can be accomplished under heavy-weather conditions Air Force sources say

During experimental tests conducted in February by Boeing flight crews near Wichita Kan feasibility of in-flight refueling of the fast all-jet B-47 was definitely borne out Anticipated problem of holding the jet bomber to C-97 cruising speed during contact and transfer operations failed to materialize

During the tests USAF's B-47 No 50566 made a series of successful refueling contacts with a Boeing KC-97A similar to that shown in the AVIATION WEEK composite photograph above

▶ **How Boeing Does It**—Just forward of the B-47 pilot cabin are folding slipway doors which, when opened by the pilot in preparation for refueling contact, exposes the receptacle into which the fuel is to be forced under pressure transfer

The Boeing boom refueling system, which some Air Force quarters believe to be the best answer so far to heavy bomber refueling, is made up of two telescoping pipe sections The boom is attached to the tanker's fuselage by a yoke and trunnion set up for control guidance

An oversize blister "cockpit" at the base of the trunnion is used by the boom "pilot," who actually flies the refueling boom into contact with the bomber fuel receptacle The boom piloting is maintained by two control surfaces which Boeing has named ruddevators The boom pilot sitting in his blister beneath the C-97 tail controls the ruddevators by a conventional airplane control stick

# AF Pushes Buildup of B-47 Jet Bomber

By Alexander McSurely

**Dayton**—The high-speed Boeing B-47 jet bomber rapidly emerging as a very important Strategic Air Command striking weapon of the immediate future, is undergoing an Air Force buildup comparable only to the high priority B-29 program of World War II

New tipoff to the high Air Force emphasis on the Stratojet bomber is the recent assignment of Brig Gen O F Carlson as head of the combined USAF B-47 project, succeeding Maj Gen S R Brentnall, who now becomes head of the new Air Materiel Command Directorate of Production and Service Engineering

Brentnall started the combined project last November after creation of the new separate Air Force Research and Development Command took away most of his former duties as AMC director of research and development

Assignment of Carlson to succeed him as overall B-47 coordinator for four Air Force commands—AMC, Strategic Air Command, Training Command, and Air Proving Ground—means that groundwork laid by Brentnall for the high priority bomber will continue full speed ahead.

▶**Headquarters at Wichita**—Carlson is expected to set up headquarters at Wichita, where his organization will monitor mounting production at the Boeing plant, and later at the Tulsa plant where Douglas will build the B-47 as a licensee. He moves to his new post from that of director of research, USAF Office of Flying Safety.

Objective is to phase in the B-47 production with requirements of Strategic Air Command while monitoring crew training programs, organization of ground support personnel crews, service testing of the new airplanes, and tactical testing under the Proving Ground Command.

Tentative plans call for training of B-47 crews at the Wichita airport, recently taken over by USAF, so that the planes used for training will be close to the factory for spares, modifications and overhauls as needed.

▶**Flight Training**—Question as to whether flight training on the same base where new airplanes are getting their first test flights will prove satisfactory is being carefully weighed. Present opinion is that advantages of being close to the home factory for the flight training will outweigh disadvantages of possible interference with initial flight tests and consequent possible slowdown of deliveries.

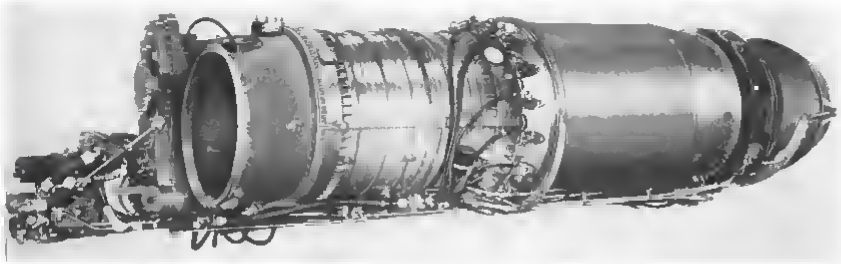
Gen. Carlson will include in his project the accelerated service flight testing program on B-47s which has already been started in Wichita by Col. Paul W. Tibbetts, (World War II pilot of the Enola Gay B-29 atom bomb plane) under the project named WIBAC (Wichita Boeing Airplane Co.).

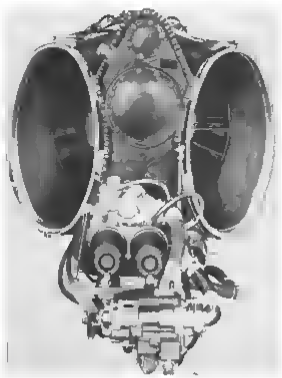
Procurement supervision on the B-47 program will be continued by Maj. J. H. Shaffer, AMC Procurement Division bombardment branch B-47 buyer and chief B-47 project officer. Under the usual setup, the buyer is responsible for seeing that the contract is fulfilled, that initial spares are provided and that factory training and familiarization programs are carried out.

▶**Processing**—Indications are that each of the four commands will process the B-47 much as any airplane, except for the fact that Gen. Carlson and his staff will be in the driver's seat to see that the best attainable answer is sought for any problem which might delay the ultimate goal of getting the fast jet bomber into SAC squadrons.

The B-47 project is probably best compared to the B-29 project of World War II administered by the then Brig. Gen. K. B. Wolfe. Wolfe left the key job of production division chief at Air Materiel Command to go to Smoky Hill AFB, Kan., as head of the B-29 high priority program which succeeded in getting the big bombers into action in time to carry a major portion of the strategic bombardment campaign against Japan, including the decisive atom bombings. Since the war, the B-29 project commander has advanced to USAF Deputy Chief of Staff, Materiel, with the rank of lieutenant general.

Gen. Carlson will have the same title as was given to Gen. Brentnall—"Special Assistant to the USAF Chief of Staff in charge of the B-47 program and the B-52 program"—indicating that eventually the Air Force expects to phase in a second high priority program for the Boeing eight-jet B-52.





# Westinghouse Y-Ducted J-40

These first pictures of the Westinghouse J-40-WE-6, one of the recently announced turbojets in the high-thrust bracket, show front end (left photo) and side features of the engine.

Gearbox is disposed between twin elliptical air intakes, with what appear to be fuel pumps and fuel regulator installed below and forward.

Compressor shell is in two sections vertically, which leads to conjecture that the engine's air packing unit does not follow conventional design. The installation might comprise two compressor stages—low and high—with the casing split between them for easy access.

Combustion section, probably the annual type, tapers into a turbine section which appears sufficiently wide to accommodate more than wheel.

Control rod at extreme right leading to end of tailpipe should be for variable nozzle actuation, a feature which is also included in Allison's new J35-A-23.

Engine is reported slated for two new Douglas planes—F4D night fighter interceptor and A3D attack—and may go into McDonnell's F3H, sweptwing version of F2H Phantom.

Westinghouse claims that the J-40 delivers more thrust than any other jet engine known to be produced in the world today.

Similar claims have been made by other manufacturers for their own jet engines.



# Army Plane Purchases to Grow

## More dollars flow to aircraft industry as Army need for 'air transportability' continues to increase.

Army demands upon all facets of the aircraft industry are expanding greatly because modern warfare requires that the service eventually be completely air transportable, a top ranking Army official declared last week in an interview with AVIATION WEEK.

To emphasize the growing impact upon the aircraft industry, he cited the fact that the Army had jumped from a $10 million aircraft procurement in 1949 to more than $90 million in 1951 budgets. He predicted that the Army's fiscal 1952 aircraft budget would double that of 1951, (and would probably go still higher in 1953).

▶**Where Dollar Goes**—More than two-thirds of the Army procurement dollar will go for rotary-winged aircraft, about 20 percent for fixed-wing types and the remainder for parts and equipment.

• **Executive transport.** Of funds programmed for actual plane procurement the Army will buy a limited quantity of four-place light utility twin-engine aircraft. These will be convertible to either executive transport or light cargo. New emphasis is to be given rapid air transport of Army brass.

• **Liaison helicopter.** Most important move in Army aircraft procurement is a plan to completely switch all liaison activity from fixed-wing aircraft to the helicopter.

Further development of the helicopter by the Army and USAF will see the heavy versions, such as the Piasecki H-16, handling the bulk of rapid movement of troops from one forward area to another, this source predicted.

To develop technique for helicopter assault troops, the Army recently established two helicopter companies which are to be equipped with the Sikorsky H-19 and the Piasecki H-21. Experience gained by actual use of this equipment will provide basis for quantity programming by the Air Force in the heavy helicopter fields during the next two years.

▶**Heavy Airlift to AF**—Heavy airlift of troops will remain the mission of the Air Force, this official stated. Army has no desire to get an air force of its own. Neither does the Air Force desire an army of its own. Airborne and air-ground technique is exceedingly complex and both services are working to overcome its inadequacies.

The problem of weight limitations currently observed by both services are an arbitrary weight agreed to by both services to facilitate a more rapid development of aircraft. It was agreed that the Air Force would have cognizance of aircraft procurement and development of planes in excess of 2500 lb. and helicopters in excess of 4000 lb.

There is need of a revision of that regulation, this official declared, and it is now under consideration by the Army and Air Force chiefs of staff. It is still in effect at the present time but will probably be revised to permit the Army to purchase any type aircraft regardless of weight classifications for experimental purchases and in limited quantities providing it is in consonance with USAF requirements.

▶**Current Barriers**—Currently, the problem of building an all-air transportable army is beyond the capabilities of the nation's purse and physically beyond the present capacity of the aircraft industry with production commitments to the other services.

So far, he pointed out, the bulk of one entire infantry division cannot be totally air lifted. Today, Army and Air Force procurement is aimed at building an air support force which would enable just one division of infantry to be moved by air in a single airlift. By and large, this equipment includes procurement of aircraft with payload capacity of more than 25,000 lb. to meet the strategic airlift requirement.

While composition and equipment of the infantry (regular) division and the airborne division are essentially the same, additional training in the paratroop technique is given the airborne unit. Strictly speaking, the airborne division is not completely airborne, since tank elements of the division are currently delivered by surface transportation or self-propelled into the combat areas.

▶**Concept Shifting**—At the close of World War II, when the Army was partially demobilized, two airborne divisions were retained intact to enable the Army to develop equipment for its airborne army. Considerable knowledge, technique and new types of equipment have evolved, but the concept is shifting now—from attempting to redesign the division to meet the airlift—to redesign of the airlift to meet the requirement of the division.

Initially, as the Army moved towards becoming air transportable, it was decided that Army ground equipment must be radically altered to meet airlift requirements. Research and development was aimed in that direction and considerable progress has been made in building specialized equipment lighter and more compact for air movement.

Certain ground equipment, tanks in particular, integral battle necessities for ground war cannot be greatly redesigned to meet the airlift and still meet the Army requirement. To meet this need the Air Force is procuring, in considerable quantity, heavy transports such as the Douglas C-124 which can airlift a 25 ton tank to rear area airbases.

Based upon joint Army-USAF requirements, the Air Force has submitted proposals for a heavy duty transport to the industry. This plane must be capable of carrying a 25,000 lb. payload 2000 mi. non-stop, land its cargo on a marginal air field. The plane must be capable of rear-ramp loading and discharging its cargo directly onto the ground.

▶**Air Transport Role**—During World War II Army became acutely aware of the necessity of air transport. It promoted the use of gliders for assault transport but was dissatisfied because of the high loss ratio of troops landed by gliders into combat areas. As the next most practicable method it developed the airborne paratroop method which met with considerable success from a shock troop point of view but has not been notably successful for sustained battle action.

Great strides have been made by the Army and the Air Force towards moving the Army by air, he said, but so complex are the problems of logistics that a virtual revolution in some phases of aircraft design for transport are in order. Today, most military air transports are simply conversions of commercial designs to military usage and for the most part do not meet the military requirement.

At the present time Army air transport is moving into the assault transport stage as an interim measure until helicopter development can cope with delivery of heavy equipment to the front.

Army places great store in comparatively short ranged transports which can deliver heavy equipment directly into the battle area, land on marginal fields and discharge its cargo. To meet the immediate need the Army and Air Force through evaluation of the most suitable types, have decided upon the Chase Aircraft Co.'s XC-123, the Army official declared, and it is scheduled to go into production this year in considerable quantity.

Later, perhaps in 1953-4, he continued, movement of equipment from a rear area (such as Pusan in Korea) to the battle area, will be handled almost entirely by heavy duty helicopters.

As has been the case with other new theories in the art of war, the trend toward air transport for troops and materials must undergo considerable battle testing. High military officials realize no amount of field drills can provide the same trial as actual test under fire.



FIGURES AND FIRE WORKS were Amos Heacock's tools in Senate committee hearing

# Non-sked Head Blast at Airlines

Verbal fireworks were set off in a recent Senate Interstate Commerce Committee session by Amos Heacock, Air Coach Transport Assn president

Heacock appeared in opposition to confirmation of the nominations of Delos Rentzel as Undersecretary of Commerce for Transportation and Donald Nyrop as Chairman of the Civil Aeronautics Board But his testimony was mainly directed to criticism of the scheduled airlines and CAB actions he claimed were partial to the scheduled industry

Early confirmation of the Rentzel and Nyrop nominations, along with that of Charles Horne to be Civil Aeronautics Administrator, is expected

Committee members challenged Heacock at three points

• **When Heacock laid full blame** for Board decisions at Rentzel's door, New Hampshire's Sen. Charles Tobey heatedly objected "Board actions are by the vote of five men You are not being factual, are you?"

• **Heacock's statement** that Robert Ramspeck, former executive vice president of Air Transport Assn., as Chairman of the Civil Service Commission will influence CAB actions in favor of the scheduled airlines met with sharp criticism by Tobey and other senators Heacock said:

"If Civil Service personnel in lower echelon policy-making functions at CAB do not see eye to eye with the scheduled airlines they can be transferred or replaced from key positions For example, James Vernet formerly with ATA is Administrative Chief with the CAB In this position he can oversee the work of all of the employes of the CAB, and promotions and demotions can be controlled under Civil Service

Tobey angrily retorted 'That's insinuation and innuendo that I do not like Are you insinuating that in his position he (Ramspeck) can transfer Civil Service employes if they do not see eye to eye with the scheduled airline position?' Heacock said it is 'possible'" All things are possible," Tobey replied

• **Heacock's report** that in two hours he worked out a plan for equitable separation of subsidy from air mail pay—a project the Senate Commerce Committee, with the aid of an accountant firm, has been working on for over a year—brought the response from its chairman, Sen Edwin Johnson "Anyone who makes a statement like that is making an 'ass' of himself and appears ridiculous to anyone who knows anything about the subject"

Senators later gave strong support to Heacock's complaints against sensational articles in the March Cosmopolitan magazine, entitled "Death Rides the Bargain Air Lines"

Tobey commented "If you can't win a suit under the libel laws the libel laws should be changed"

Rentzel told senators he "deplored" the articles and 'wouldn't be a bit surprised if the scheduled airlines did it"

Sen Johnson suggested the publicity would frighten the public from all types of air transportation 'The public doesn't make the technical distinction between scheduled and non scheduled operations"

# Navy Expanding Rocket Test Base

To expedite development of rocket engines, Navy has ordered a $10 million expansion of its Lake Denmark, N J test facility during the next 5 years. In agreement with Air Force, Navy will provide East Coast contractors with test facilities at Lake Denmark and USAF will provide the same service at Muroc, Calif

At the present time, the facility into which Navy has already poured some $16 million for static test equipment is being used by reaction motors, the Kellogg Co., USAF, Army and several other government agencies along with Bu-Ships and the Office of Naval Research

Master development program for the base was laid out by the M W Kellogg Co Three years ago the company prepared a ten volume program which would have cost Navy originally $14,500,000 Because it was conceived during the Louis Johnson regime, that figure was whittled to $7,500,000, was approved by the Navy Aeronautical Board, Defense Department and was finally authorized by Congress in 1950 Presently approved funds will be used to expand and improve present facilities and the additional $2,500,000 is to be programmed from fiscal 1952 funds, it is reported

► **Reason for Site**—Site of the Naval air rocket test station was selected at Lake Denmark because the location was in a remote N J area, yet just a few miles from New York City, within 300 mi. of major East Coast rocket engine manufacturers and within easy flying distance of Washington and Wright AFB, Ohio

The site had been declared surplus to Navy's Bureau of Ordnance and contained several miles of paved roads, railroad track, military housing and dozens of warehouses suitable for conversion to shops, laboratories and administrative buildings

The test base is equipped to offer the civilian contractor any assistance in the testing or evaluation of rocket propellants; to develop any specialized test equipment necessary for instrumentation and test if it is not already available

A corrollary program also scheduled for expansion because of the general increase in the guided missiles program of Navy is to train personnel in the handling, servicing and operation of rocket engines, components and equipment for service use

► **Focal Point**—Today the station is the central storage and issuing point for liquid rocket propellants on the East Coast for all BuAer activities Test stands are located all over the 650 acre area and pointed in different directions to provide comfortable safety barriers between test stands

Other functions of the test station are to provide engineering services in connection with flight test projects Engine of Navy's Viking rocket rated at 20,000-lb thrust, for example, was tested at Lake Denmark as part of the station's work

Besides specific contractor devised tests, the station is geared to evaluate the performance of rocket engine components and associated equipment The station is currently running evaluation tests on simulated altitude performance of engines, number of runs possible on one engine without overhaul maintenance, the operation of ignition systems after long storage delay and the effects of extreme heat and cold upon ignition system

The facility is designed particularly to provide test area for engines developing more than 10,000-lb thrust Normally high cost of construction of rocket test stands and outfitting them with tankage and instrumentation rises rapidly with the thrust capacity

In addition to absorbing some of the contractor's test costs through government financed facility, by making those same facilities available to other contractors, the station provides a test area remote from heavily populated areas. Most East Coast contractors are located so near cities that firing tests of really large engines are precluded because of excessive noise



# What Aviation Pays Executives

## New listing of airline officers salaries and stock holdings filed.

## Manufacturers report to SEC show officials' salaries going up.

More 1950 salaries and stock holdings of executives and directors have been announced by the following U S trunk lines and local service operators (1949 figures in parentheses)

▪ **Continental Air Lines:** President and director, Robert F Six $83,750 1030 common shares ($30,050 1000 shares) chairman of the board Lonie R Mueller $2,450 common ($2,450 common), vice president and director G C West Jr $16,375 440 common ($15,000 300 shares); vice president operations O R Honeter $10,075 700 common ($15,000 700 shares); vice president secretary and treasurer Joseph A Uhl $14,151, 1317 common ($12,015 1117 ½ shares), assistant secretary Dorothy R Perl $4275 and 50 common ($3,06, 50 shares) and the following directors Lawrence C Ames 6500 common (7000) Sheldon G Cooper 5000 common (5000) Leonard P Daniels 14,500 common (14,500) Frederick L Ehrman none Marcus F Hellman, 4500 common (4500) Josiah G Holland 2300 common (2000); Frank H. Hiketson, Jr 4000 common (500) Thomas Roberts 62,500 common ($2,050)

▪ **Braniff International:** President, T E Braniff $30,000 bonus of $2300 278,234 common ($28,500 bonus of $2250, and 278,-824 common shares), executive vice president C E Beard $24,250, bonus of $1962 and 100 common ($22,000 87, $1250, and 100 shares); vice president, R. C. Strader $17,-035 bonus of $1000 and 1200 common ($15,870 bonus of $1032 and 1200 shares); secretary-treasurer C G Adams $17,625 bonus of $1534 and 1000 common ($15,875 bonus of $1,534 and 1000 shares); vice president, John M Walker $23,041 and 200 common ($11,005 and 1203 shares), assistant treasurer O W Crane $8475 bonus of $628 and 350 common ($8400 bonus of $628 and 350 shares) assistant secretary R. L. Barker $7350 and bonus of $432 ($7200, bonus of $428 and 30 shares); and the following directors Hal C Thurman $15,000 bonus of $500 and 2021 common ($15,000 bonus of $500 and 2021 shares) Ferdinand Eberstadt, bonne of $500 and 100 common (bonus of $250 and 100 shares) Roger Whitehead $250 and 150 common ($250 and 150 shares), Fred Jones $700 and 1000 common ($250 and 1000 shares) George Muller $750 and 5000 common ($250 and 1000 shares)

▪ **Inland Airlines** Secretary treasurer and director Paul D. Sullivan, no salary, 1 share capital stock (no 1949 report), assistant secretary-treasurer and director J J Taylor no salary 1 share capital stock assistant secretary R. K. Nichols, no salary, no stock.

Seven local service airlines have announced executive and directors' salaries, bonuses, and stock holdings for 1950

▪ **All American Airways, Inc.:** President and director R. M Levy, salary $15,000 78,845 common ($15,000, 78,045 common) vice president and director, C W Wendt $10,000 6500 common ($10,000, 11,700 shares); vice president and director, H. E Bazley $12,000 2900 common ($10,000 and 3300 shares); vice president operations, C H. McIntosh $10,000 (none reported last year) vice president, sales, D L. Miller $7500 27 common ($7000 27 shares) secretary E. K. Arnold $6300 and 500 common (none reported last year) assistant secretary H G Kenyon, $5750 ($5700, 100 shares) assistant treasurer W J Short 00500 ($0000) and the following directors Martin Fenton 100 common (1000) Hamilton Hale 1500 common (1000) Harry W. Langer 13,500 common (13,500) Malcolm McAlpin, 500 common (500) Hugh R. Sharp 200 common (200) William R. Waldeisen none.

▪ **Bonanza Airlines Inc:** President, Edmund Converse salary $12 000 10 095



schler, chairman $103,050 ($103,450) H Mansfield Horner president, $102,220 plus $50,000 incentive payment and $3,200 retirement payment ($102,160 plus $40 000 incentive payment and $7910 retirement payment) Rayeroft Walsh vice chairman $32,250 plus $20,000 incentive payment ($32,250 plus $20,000 incentive payment) Leonard Hobbs vice president, $73,250 plus $35 000 incentive payment and $6833 retirement payment ($73,400 plus $30,000 incentive and $7,85 retirement payment) all officers and directors $691,726, plus $235,000 incentive payments and $50-407 in retirement payments ($650,350 plus $202,500 in incentive and $10 658 in retirement payments)

▪ **Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corp.:** Lt-Merle Cohe president, $75,000 plus $1,-538 retirement payment ($72,500 plus $4724 retirement payment) Robert Wolfe vice president, $30 000 plus $4041 retirement payment ($36 000 plus $3386 retirement payment) R. H. Hyen jr vice president, $27,017 plus $1300 retirement payment) W C. Reckefeller director $26,750 all officers and directors $384,093 plus $20,242 in retirement payments ($371,000 plus retirement payments of $10 071)

▪ **North American Aviation:** J. L. Atwood president $65,000 plus $5400 retirement payment ($55 000 plus $5400 retirement payment) J H Kindelberger chairman of the board $125 000 plus $11,488 retirement payment ($125 000 plus $11 482 retirement payment); R. A. Lambeth vice president $85,075 plus $2000 retirement payment ($70,000 plus $3767 retirement payment); Raymond Rice vice president $43 837 plus $2883 retirement payment ($42 000 plus $2883 retirement payment) all officers and directors, $348 152 ($304-700)

▪ **Grumman Aircraft Engineering Corp.:** L. R. Grumman, chairman of the board, $50,300 plus $10,093 retirement payment ($58 200 plus $8716 retirement payment), L. A. Swirbul president, $00,250 plus $10 494 retirement payment ($0 200, plus $11,341 retirement payment) William T Schwendler, $41,125 plus $7149 retirement payment ($40 200, plus $5716 retirement payment) E Clinton Towl vice president, $27,710 plus retirement payment of $3700 ($27,150 plus retirement payment of $3707), all officers and directors $315,263, plus $36,720 retirement payments ($321,800 plus $33 810 retirement payments)

▪ **Republic Aviation Corp:** Mendy Pasle, president, $00 350 ($01 100) Alexander Karivell vice president $50 550 ($47,150), Thomas Devis secretary-treasurer $33,500 ($30 000) all officers and directors $280-020 ($190 250)

▪ **Beech Aircraft Corp:** Walter H Beech, president $51 442 ($54,902) O A. Beech secretary-treasurer $35,010 ($35 035); John J. Gaty vice president $38-470 ($40,036); T. A. Wells vice president, $38-470 ($39-000) all officers and directors $319,030 ($320 847).

▪ **Cessna Aircraft Co:** Dwane Wallace, president, $28 057 ($32,240), all officers and directors $70,400 ($74,083)

▪ **Northrop Aircraft Inc:** Oliver Echole $50 000 John K. Northrop, president, $50,-000 ($00 033); all officers and directors $282,472 ($311 021)

▪ **Piper Aircraft Corp.:** All officers and directors $53,282 plus $1084 retirement payment ($58,300, plus $0021 retirement payment)

shares of common and 12 325 shares preferred ($5000 16 000 common 7325 preferred), vice president Wesley Durston no salary $15 550 common 21 650 preferred (15 500 common 13 000 preferred); secretary and treasurer Florence J Murphy $6195, 100 common ($3408); assistant treasurer Earl Jochim $5580 (no report for 1949); vice president, traffic, M. E. Cole $8100 and the following directors L G McNeil 1000 common (1000) Morley Griswold 2500 preferred (2500 common)

● **Frontier Airlines Inc.:** President and director H S. Derry salary $14,000 2300 common (not available); executive vice president and treasurer C A. Myhre $6833; vice president, operations and director R. M Wilson $6833 110,610 common vice president traffic and sales D A. Duff $5833, 15 nonvoting secretary and director B. N Levin 103,749 common; assistant secretary, D T Myers $1305 34 common; assistant treasurer E. W Sexten $2350 and the following directors Fred Manning 6000 common Del E. Webb 750 common and Sam Snead, 500 common.

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● **Robinson Air Lines Corp.:** Executive vice president Robert E. Peach $10 166 630 capital shares ($10 000 626 capital shares) vice president and secretary John R Carver $7200 and 518 capital shares ($8440 518 shares) and the following directors L. Nelson Simmons 350 capital shares (350) Ralph C Smith 400 capital shares (400). E V Underwood 2500 capital shares (2500 shares) Edwin A. Link 18,583 ½ capital shares (none in 1948)

## Draper Heads MIT Aero Department

Dr. Charles S. Draper has been appointed head of the department of aeronautical engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, succeeding Dr Jerome C Hunsaker Dr Draper's appointment was announced by Dr. James R. Killian, Jr., president of MIT

Dr. Hunsaker, who asked to be relieved of administrative responsibility for the department, will continue as a professor until his retirement next year

Dr Draper is a member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Air Force and a panel member of the Research and Development Board of the National Military Establishment His research achievements in the field of anti-aircraft fire control systems have brought him many awards, including the Exceptional Service Award by the Air Force

## NPA Changes Rule On Columbium DO's

National Production Authority has ordered that DO's for columbium and columbium tantalum-bearing steels for the aircraft industry must now be approved by the Aircraft Production Resources Agency, Department of Defense, in addition to the NPA DO certification

The new order, published Apr 6, amends order M-3. NPA explained that the action was taken to assure a more effective distribution of the columbium bearing alloys to engine manufacturers

The new ruling, clarifying the original M-3 regulation, does not change the recently issued regulation M-49 This latter implements M-3 and reserves production and use of columbium bearing stainless steels for defense needs Products covered under the regulations include: ferrocolumbium, ferro tantalum, ferro columbium tantalum, and columbium stabilized steels (mill products and castings)

In another action, NPA ordered still larger reservations of supplies in the aluminum industry to meet DO orders because of increased military requirements This ruling, amending NPA order M-5, requires an additional 15 percent reserve by aluminum producers or fabricators, and an additional 20 percent by distributors and jobbers of aluminum products, for filling rated orders

## SAE's Annual Meet

The Society of Automotive Engineers' National Aeronautic Meeting and aircraft engineering display begins today in New York's Hotel Statler

The three-day technical sessions will cover a wide range of papers dealing with jet design and operational factors transport problems helicopters in local air service flying boat development and engine oil studies

Windup of the program will be an air show on Apr 19 at New York International (Idlewild) Airport, featuring display and flight demonstration of jet bombers and fighters, helicopters, commercial and personal aircraft Included will be American, Canadian and British planes

## SIDELIGHTS

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other nonskeds') certification proceedings The line voluntarily cancelled the project to avoid any suggestion of influencing the press as to Board decisions

### Airlines

Since it grounded its Martin 2-0-2s, Northwest has been advertising as "the only airline featuring four engine airliners on every flight" Aerovias Guest stopped transAtlantic flights between Mexico City and Spain because of currency restrictions imposed by Spain

### Congress

The Small Business Committee is receiving a report on subcontracting prepared by Aircraft Industries Assn on three principal west coast members

### CAA

Agency is preparing a compilation of various ways in which fixed base operators are boosting income; ready in about two months

Manual 5, Aircraft Airworthiness, restricted Category, describes rules for certificating planes in special categories, such as how to convert a plane to spraying & dusting, aerobatic maneuvers, etc Sixth Regional HQ is hit by "reverse militarization" These have gone or are under orders for active duty with USAF Lt Col Charles R. Hawkes Jr., deputy chief of aircraft engineering division to Wright Field, Majs George Bogert and Leonard Williamson and Lt Col John Busey design evaluation engineers; Lt Col Richard Bache chief of aircraft engineering branch, Col Robert E Dake chief of flight operations division, Col Clarence "Clancy" Schmid, chief of flight operations branch to Europe Maj Al Ammon scheduled air carrier inspector Jim Read is acting chief while Col Joe Marriott is on two months' duty in Washington CAA Waldo Kliloff will report to the region from Seattle Plans recently were to shift R. L Lippis chief of Seattle aircraft engineering branch, and Clark Biesemier chief of aircraft engineering branch at Ft Worth to the L A office This would eliminate type certification in Regions 4 and 7

### Labor Dept.

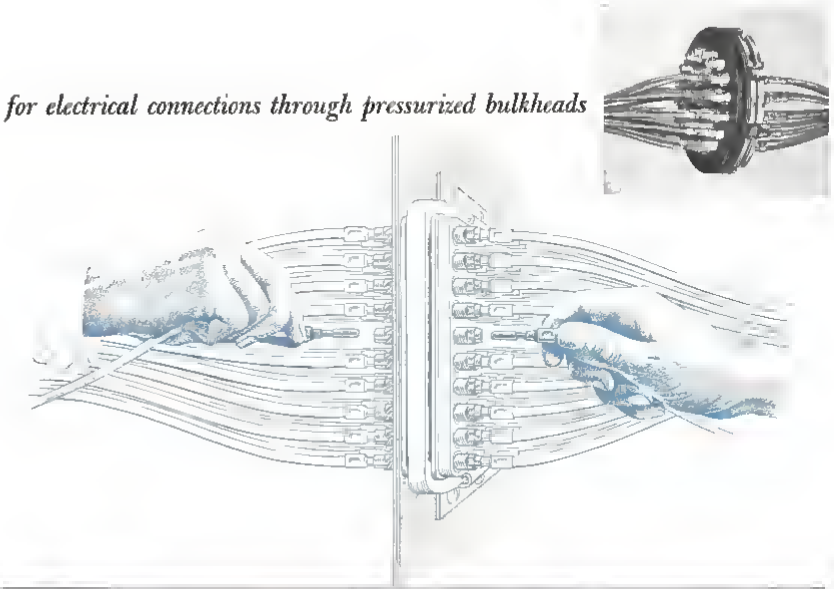
Labor added four jobs to its list of critical occupations for determining what Reservists & National Guards might or might not be properly called to active duty They are Airways operations specialist, multi engine commercial airline pilot aircraft assembly mechanic, and design draftsmen

### Industry

Fairchild is conducting a series of two week courses for Kaiser Frazer personnel in the intricacies of C-119 manufacture Quality control functions relative to materials inspection, ordering, receipt, storage of materials and related technical inspection operations are covered



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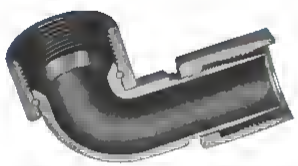
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# Props vs. Jets: Some More Navy Views

*The use of jets for close air support was the subject of a letter exchange in* Aviation Week *Jan. 29 between a Navy commander and Alpheus W. Jessup, McGraw-Hill World News correspondent in the Far East. The commander was not too happy with the jets as a close-support weapon. This article gives some other Navy views.*

By Alpheus W. Jessup
(McGraw-Hill World News)

**Tokyo**—It's not generally known that a big controversy exists among Navy airmen about aircraft development, especially aircraft for the task of close support for the infantry. The admirals and the captains continually stress the smartness of the Navy in sticking with propeller driven aircraft. They like to remind correspondents how brilliant the Navy was in adopting the AD Skyraider and how dumb the Air Force was in not adopting the AD.

▶ **From the Ranks**—But a much different story is bottled up in the Navy. Their jet pilots, whose youth and lesser rank precludes their having a voice in high Navy policy, have much different ideas. Without revealing names because "we would be seamen second class the day after tomorrow," I quote from my conversations with and letters from Navy jet pilots who flew and are flying in Korea.

"We are firm believers in the jet for close support, so far as it is the best aircraft for the job. We have reservations when using it with present tactical air control methods. The jet is the aircraft no doubt, but using it with present control methods is like substituting a Buick clutch in a Model A Ford.

"Let's take it from the pilot's viewpoint after all he's the one who will get chewed if he plummets up the detail.

"First he has speed in a jet. He can take off and be on station soon after the initial call for help.

"Second, he has the stablest rocket and bombing platform. It's far superior to propeller driven craft. The increased speed sharply reduces the lead or correction the pilot must apply to put his load on the target. Speed also decreases the time gravity can act on rockets and bombs, thus reducing trail. There is a slight disadvantage in strafing with machine guns in a jet, for the speed cuts down the time he can fire. But this may be offset by having all the guns in the nose making it easier to get on the target with the first burst.

"Third, he has a much better chance of getting home safely. Once he's dropped his load on the enemy, the jet pilot is a fighter again and a hell of a lot better off than a prop jockey. A propeller plane is meat on the table for an enemy jet.

Fourth, he can get home and reload with a completely different type of armament in one-third the time required by a prop plane. This is an important factor for carriers which have limited numbers of aircraft aboard."

▶ **The Other Side**—"These are just a few of the more important advantages of the jet. There are disadvantages, but the disadvantages can be overcome by improving tactical control and target identification. The solution is not the adoption of aircraft to procedures, i.e., ditching the jet for the prop. It's merely the adapting of procedures to the aircraft which can do the job best—the jet.

"Communications is an old problem. Usually there are thirty-five chattering baboons on every VHF channel. The poor guy in the pet arrives over the target area, but, because he can't get a transmission in edgewise, he sits there picking his nose until fuel expenditure demands that he return home. As luck would have it, there's a new 180-channel VHF set coming soon which should solve this problem, giving darn near every pilot his private channel.

"Another communications problem deals with the alerting and launching of missions. This must be worked out with the ground forces, so we don't want to stick our fingers in that pie. But there's need for much improvement.

Locating the target is the biggest factor in doing a quick effective job. The jet speed makes pilot's location and identification of targets difficult. This can be overcome by more efficient methods of target making and identification. It is not being done now. More air support hops suffer negative results due to pilots not locating targets than for any other reason. Jets do a fine job in Korea, but they could do a much better job if the control was what it should be."

▶ **Some Solutions**—"What's needed? Better maps of convenient sizes. Now the pilot has a large map to unfold in the cockpit, and its about as easy as opening an umbrella in a phone booth. He should know the approximate location and description of his target before he takes off. Designation should include both grid coordinates and prominent landmarks. Once into the target area on close support, our hero should be put on the target immediately by our tactical air control party. With adequate communications they should take him onto a target the moment he enters the area. Some positive marking system is required to identify close support targets in the front lines like pill boxes. Flares, mortar and artillery shells could do the trick, but we need quicker, surer method than used so far. Otherwise lots of our heroes will dump their loads on small houses with crescents engraved on the doors.

"Another point against present target identifications: this habit of circling for 30 to 40 minutes trying to find a pill box is going to get a lot of pilots killed if the enemy has any fighters in the air.

"The desired end result of an air support mission is an effectively delivered attack by aircraft on a ground target. In an effective attack:

- **Target must be destroyed** or rendered useless.
- **Job must be done** in a minimum amount of time.
- **Mission must be accomplished** with the least hazard to friendly aircraft and troops in the area.
- **Maximum use must be made** of the aircraft while airborne.

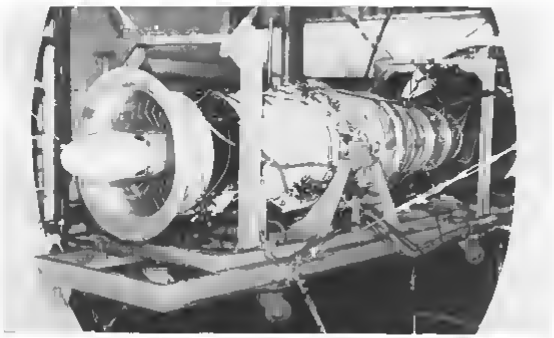
"We have proven the jet can best meet the first two requirements. The last two are deliverable in direct ratio to the efficiency of the tactical control system. All present methods are outmoded and need a lot of improvement before the jets can do their very best in close support.

"So far we have been adapting a new weapon to old techniques. We should be developing new, or modifying old, techniques to serve the new and better weapon."

# Wright Speeds Sapphire to Production

**New Detroit engineering-manufacturing office is key to get-ready phase.**

By Irving Stone



TESTING of the Sapphire proceeds at Wright. Dolly remains attached during tests.

Wright Aeronautical Corp. isn't doing much talking to dispel the impression in some quarters that it is crawling into the jet production race.

Instead, it is depending on intense action now, content to let the words write themselves later.

▶**Late Start, Quick Action**—Years after other powerplant fabricators here began pushing out their jets, WAC announced—on Oct. 6, 1950—their manufacturing agreement with Britain's Armstrong Siddeley for production of the 7220 lb. thrust Sapphire. (Air Force designation for this jet will be the J-65.)

Two months later the engine was running in the Wood Ridge, N. J., test block. And a swift swing to preparation for jet production was inaugurated simultaneously under the direction of WAC's manufacturing engineering planners.

▶**Coordinating Agency**—Key unit in readying the jet lines is WAC's Detroit manufacturing-engineering branch. Its job is to telescope and accelerate the preparational phase. Its personnel, purely supervisory, number only about 20 but these comprise a top-skill group headed by a master mechanic and his two assistants—one a production methods specialist, the other a tool design specialist.

And the complement includes a purchasing man, gaging expert, metallurgy consultant, etc., down to accountants.

The Detroit location was chosen because of the sources of tool supplies in the general vicinity, and one of the main jobs of the branch is to coordinate the work of production-engineering firms in the area.

These companies have written the several hundred operation sheets for fabrication of the Sapphire, involving about 1700 parts. These sheets detail the methods for making the various components and list all the tools required for the processes.

▶**Wood-Ridge Benefits**—This arrangement was followed because there was not enough engineering talent releasable at WAC's Wood Ridge plant, or available in the immediate vicinity, to do this work in the period allotted by schedules. Estimates show that with the Detroit setup, the time will be reduced to one-third that required if the work were to be performed at the Wood-Ridge plant.

And another dividend was that other Wood-Ridge projects were not slowed—particularly work on the R-3350-30W Turbo-Compound (previously known as the Turbo-Cyclone), the combination piston and turbine engine for Lockheed's P2V-4 and Super Connie, Martin P5M and Fairchild C-119C.

▶**Agency to Continue**—The Detroit manufacturing engineering activity is slated to function indefinitely, not only for any Sapphire developments but also for all future WAC jet engines. It is solely a company agency and will not be associated with Buick in its preparation to build the Sapphire under license.

To the approximately 3000 machine tools now at Wood-Ridge for the basic piston engine production, about 1600 more are being acquired to incorporate the Sapphire program.

Their procurement is being handled through the Detroit agency and are being obtained, first, from the Air Force pool, and secondly, by purchase.

No actual shop labor has yet been hired for the Sapphire production. But supervisors are being assigned for the program.

▶**Production This Summer**—Engineering draftsmen already are engaged in converting Sapphire parts drawings from English to American standards. About 12 British engineers have been brought over to assist them and some also work with the Detroit activity.

Actual production of the Sapphire will start early this summer. And schedules anticipate several hundred a month in '52.

▶**Scheme for Initial Units**—The first few Sapphires—perhaps five or ten—will incorporate some British-built parts, hence these initial production units will be built to British standards because WAC fabricated parts will have to conform so that the engine will not have a "mongrel" makeup.

Following this opening phase, there will be a rapid production acceleration and shift to American standards. This will involve some changes, slightly altering the engine in design detail.

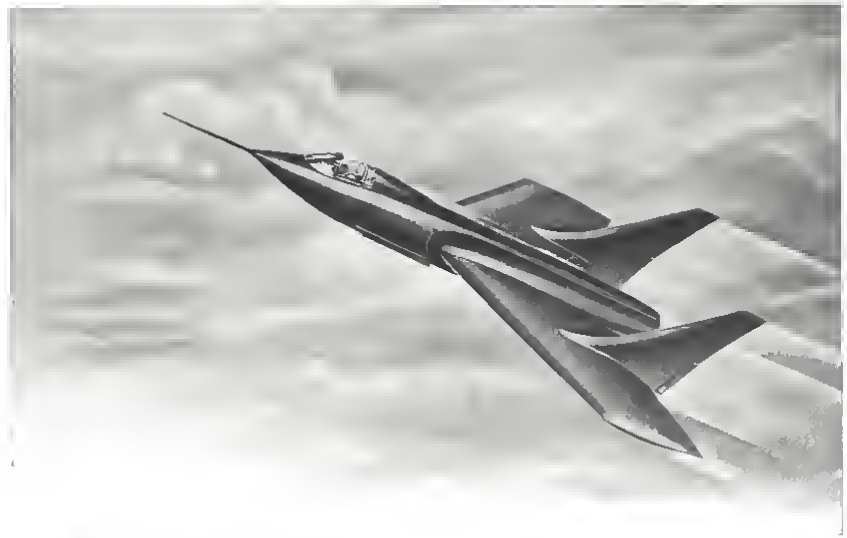
Meanwhile, development work to boost the power of the engine will be carried out. Any desirable changes that show up will be incorporated in the production engine if they are of a nature that does not require experimental proving.

Materials, too, will have to be changed because some of those now used in the engine are not obtainable in this country.

Tolerances are another consideration that will take some keen analysis. British tolerances are very restrictive. WAC is hoping to liberalize them as much as possible without compromising the engine's high performance.

How far this liberalization can be carried will ultimately be determined by simultaneous test-block runs of





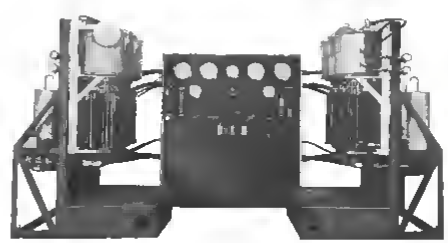
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► **Cost Cuts Planned**—To reduce production costs, WAC probably will try to make at Wood Ridge as many of those parts which, through feasibility of home manufacture could appreciably bring down the price of the engine Even the fabrication of turbine blades will be a consideration

But, in the main, it will place greatest reliance on production efficiency to cut costs Emphasis will be put on trying to "de-skill" operations wherever possible, placing the accuracy in the machine instead of the operator

Comparing what WAC expects to do with the Sapphire production wise, with the British fabrication scheme for this engine, company officials believe that they can turn out the jet in half the time

► **Full Program Output**—Along with the Sapphire program, WAC also is concentrating on its Turbo-Compound engine Production requirements for this engine next year for the Wood Ridge plant alone should be about six times the present output

And when the Sapphire program gets into full swing, its output plus that of the Turbo Compound should result in the production of more units per month than at any time during World War II In this latter period, about 750 Cyclone 18s per month came from Wood-Ridge

► **Plant Expansion**—As schedules for the Sapphire and Turbo Compound now stand, there will be no need for erection of additional production facilities This is because production-engineering and other activities are being moved into four new areas

► **Employment Factors**—Overall employment figure for WAC is now about at the 11,000 mark And another 7000 probably will be taken on before the year is over, and the figure undoubtedly will climb Most of these probably will be shop personnel

For design, development and research projects, WAC hasn't been able to hire all the engineers it could use For all programs—including the Sapphire—it has taken on about 100 engineers since last fall, and this figure will jump as industrial mobilization accelerates, for all technical categories from drafting through fabrication to experimental test of components

A vital sidelight on the tightness of the engineering personnel supply is that in five years the situation, for all aeronautical firms, may be more than just critical—perhaps appalling Fewer engineers are reported coming out of schools because less have been entering, those with reserve commissions are being called into service, and Selective Service is taking others


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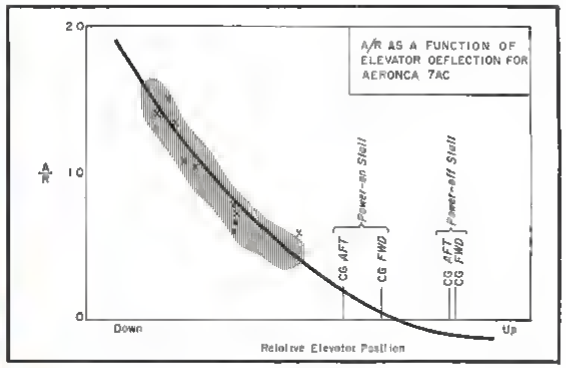
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# Single Curve Simplifies Control

**New system, adaptable to all aircraft, uses mechanical computer based on theoretical calculations.**

A simplified control system which promises to be applicable to large and small aircraft alike has been flight-tested by Dr Frederick W Ross, professor of aeronautical engineering at the University of Detroit. Ross' test installation in an Aeronca 7AC has logged more than 200 hr of flight time, and has attracted considerable interest among Air Force personnel at Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton.

Entire system is based on the single relation between the ratio of aileron to rudder deflection for a given elevator setting. Using flight test data from perfectly coordinated turns, Ross plotted a single curve which served as the theoretical basis for the development of his simplified system.

With this new system, all controls can be used to their full design deflections—there are no built-in stops—and full aerobatic flight can be performed.

►**Four Ways**—Flying an airplane with the conventional control system means that the pilot operates his controls in four basically different ways for each one of four flight regimes.

- **Normal flight**, where ailerons and rudder are coordinated.
- **Stalling flight**, where ailerons are held neutral and lateral control is obtained with the rudder.
- **Slipping flight**, where aileron and rudder are coordinated, but in reverse with respect to normal flight.
- **Spinning flight**, where ailerons are held neutral and opposite rudder and down elevator are applied.

Complete lateral control of the airplane can only be obtained by the aerodynamic intercoupling of control surfaces as outlined.

But this intercoupling is affected by many items including air speed, elevator, flap, trim tab and landing gear position and engine power setting. And further, design differences between airplanes alter the intercoupling, a pilot who climbs out of one type of craft and into another is well aware of this effect.

It is reasonable to expect that some of these design and configuration parameters will have more effect on the aerodynamic intercoupling than others will, and that some will have negligible effect. Working on this hypothesis, Dr. Ross analyzed the lateral turning problem and determined that the single most important parameter was the ratio of aileron deflection to rudder deflection for a correctly-banked turn.

►**Three Influences**—This required ratio, which Dr Ross designates by the symbol A/R, is influenced mainly by air speed, elevator setting and angle of attack. But these three are interrelated and so it may be stated that A/R is a function mainly of the elevator setting.

Flight test data were taken on an Aeronca Model 7AC to prove this statement. Coordinated turns were made in smooth air by a pilot who was thoroughly familiar with the aircraft, and only data with no indication of slip or skid were used in the analysis.

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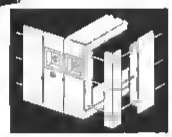
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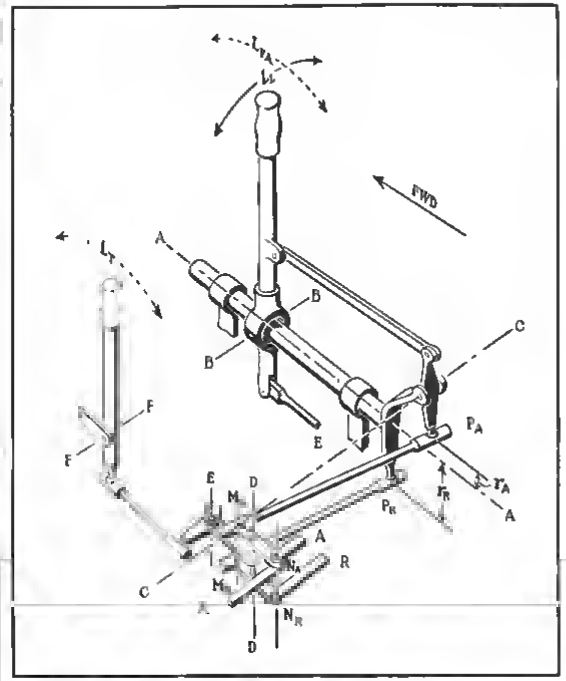
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The above drawing of the system shows the operation of the controls and the computer linkage. Fore and aft motion of the controls works the elevators with rod E. Lateral motion brings into play the Ross system.

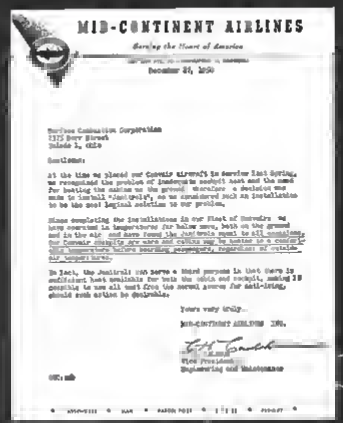
A collar in the lower portion of the stick is bolted (axis B-B) through a torque tube drive (axis A-A). Lateral motion of the stick rotates this torque tube.

Above the tube is a parallel shaft which also moves with lateral motion of the stick. This lever is hooked to a pinjoint lever functioning around the axis C-C. Moving the stick to the left, for example, moves the lever P sub A-M sub A to the left and actuates the ailerons. With the same motion, the bar P sub R-M sub R below the torque tube is also actuated, but toward the right. This motion operates the rudder control. Thus, these two levers are actuated in unison by the stick, and move in opposite directions, thereby guiding the plane through a coordinated turn.

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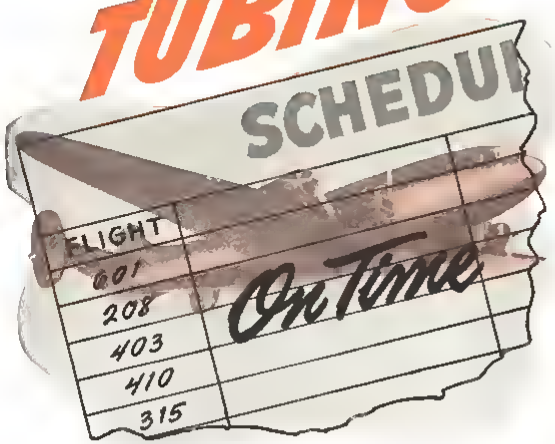
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Some of the thoughts voiced by Smyth seem well worth repeating, the excerpts presented here are from the text released by the AEC.

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## Extensive Tests on British Delta Wings

The British are racking up lots of test time in the fleet of three delta-winged research aircraft currently flying—Avro's 707B, Boulton Paul's P.111 and Fairey's F.D.1.

The test flights are supplementing intensive windtunnel testing of triangular planform wings. And the pilots are convinced that there are no aerodynamic difficulties inherent in the design.

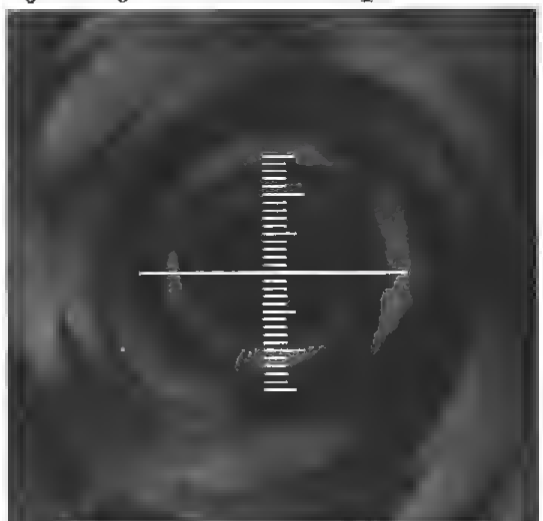
Primary reason for choosing the delta layout is to prove flight behavior of such aircraft at transonic and low supersonic speeds where they show advantages over other design forms. With this comes a secondary advantage, in that the wing volume becomes a very useful container for fuel, armament, bombs and—in larger aircraft—the crew and engines. (It might be added here that this argument is shot if a thin wing is used, as in Convair's XF-92 in this country.)

The three British deltas now flying are fitted with elevons—elevator and aileron combination—for control in pitch and roll, and a standard rudder arrangement for yaw. The F.D.1 has a small horizontal tail and fixed wing tip slots which are to be removed after early test flights.

All three planes carry parachutes for emergency use, such as spin recovery or for extra drag in landing.

The Boulton Paul P.111 has removable wingtips and fintips so that the effect of "clipped wings" can be studied on that aircraft. (Reason for this seems obscure. Wings are usually clipped to improve rate of roll, a commodity with which each delta winged aircraft is very well supplied.)


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# Strange Design

# French SE 2410 Grognard

The French, who in their time have produced some weird-looking planes seem to have outdone themselves with their latest ground-attack job, the SE 2410 Grognard.

But first impressions are often misleading, and a study of pictures of the Grognard shows that all the bulges and lumps are there for a purpose, and that the overall design is an ingenious one.

▶**Some History**—Grognard is not a new aircraft; it was first publicly exhibited as a windtunnel model at the Paris air show in 1949. First flight was made in April 1950.

The SE 2410 is, as the designation implies, a product of the French nationalized aircraft factory S N C A du Sud-Est. Designer was M. Satre, chief engineer of the Toulouse works of SNCASE.

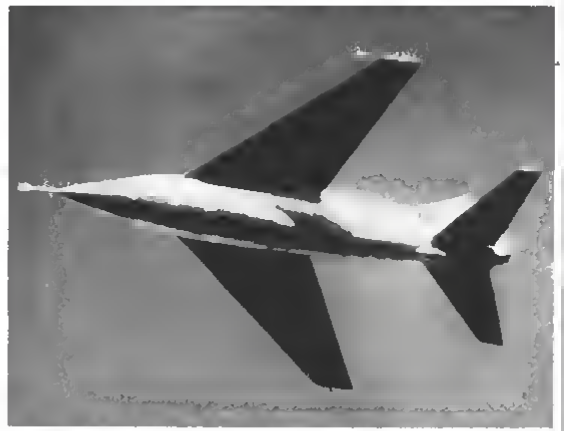
Basically, the design of Grognard features a mid-mounted, sweptback wing, and a low-mounted, sweptback horizontal tail. Gross weight is about 43,000 lb. Power comes from a unique installation of two Hispano Suiza-built Rolls-Royce Nene turbojets, mounted one above the other in the manner of an over-and-under shotgun. This powerplant arrangement is responsible for the lines of the fuselage.

Pilot of the SE 2410 sits very far forward in the fuselage nose; his visibility is unexcelled. After an abrupt windshield rise, the fuselage upper line dips down a bit and then swells rapidly around a single air intake which serves both jet engines. (Such an intake location is generally susceptible to local stalling and poor pressure recovery at high angles of attack; but it has been reported that windtunnel tests at Chalais-Meudon showed neither of these characteristics.)

▶**Triangular Tail**—Upper fuselage line runs aft from the intake and furs down into the upper jet orifice, but the fuselage appearance is marred by a high-perched vertical tail. This surface is made up of a triangular fin and nearly rectangular rudder, so that the overall appearance of the tail is that of a draftsman's triangle with one point broken off.

A bumper mounting a small tail wheel is located at the aft underside of the fuselage, and it furs up into the root of the horizontal tail. In these days of high-mounted horizontal control surfaces, it comes as a surprise to see one mounted so low, and so obviously in the wing wake. The horizontal tail has variable incidence; the pictures emphasize this feature.

▶**Wing Layout**—Taper ratio of the wing is about 4:1 from theoretical root



IN THE AIR, Grognard shows its sweptback surfaces and low-mounted tail to advantage



LANDING configuration of the SE 2410 emphasizes large-span flaps, droop-snoot wing



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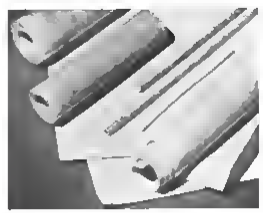
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to actual tip. The inner 70 percent or so of the wing panels is fitted with flaps, ailerons appear small. Entire leading edge of the wing droops for landing.

The Grognard has tricycle landing gear, with nose and main wheels of almost the same dimensions. All three units retract into the fuselage, a design solution which means a narrow tread for the main wheels.

An anti-spin parachute is mounted in the tail, and this chute—of the ribbon type developed by the Germans—can also be used to reduce the length of the landing run.

Another unique design feature of the Grognard is the pilot's control setup. The conventional central column is replaced by two handgrips mounted on armrests, one on each side of the pilot's seat. The grips have the same degrees of motion as the usual stick arrangement, and are interconnected so that the pilot can fly with one hand.

Such a layout gives the pilot a better view of the instrument panel, and allows installation, on the grips, of more buttons and switches than can usually be mounted. It would also seem that it might be less fatiguing to fly this way.

▶**Future Developments**—The first prototype of the SF 2410 is unarmed, and was built primarily to test the design. A two-seat version, the SE 2415, first flew on Feb. 14; it differs in the nose and cockpit section, which has been lengthened. The lines have been changed at the expense of pilot field-of-vision; the new cockpit is a semi-bubble type.

An all-weather fighter version, SE 2421, is also under development.

## NACA Reports

▶**The Use of an Uncalibrated Cone for Determination of Flow Angles and Mach numbers at Supersonic Speeds (TN 2190)—by Morton Cooper and Robert A. Webster.**

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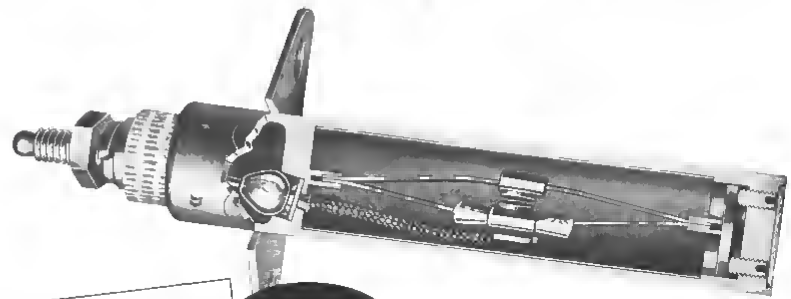
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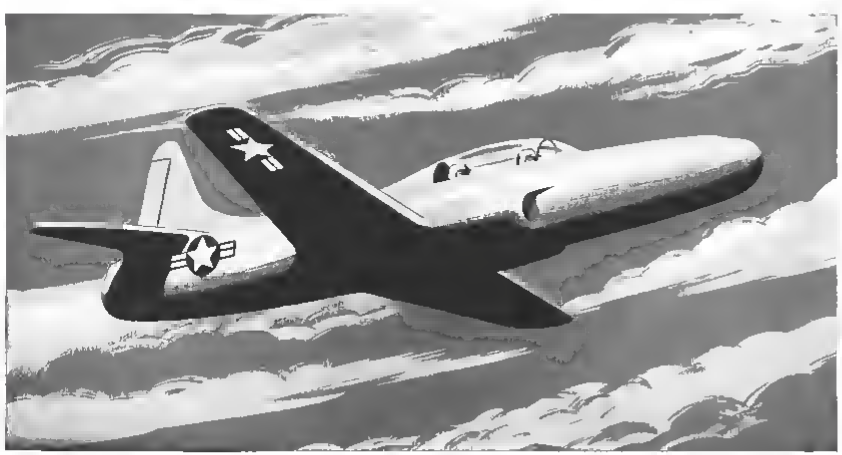
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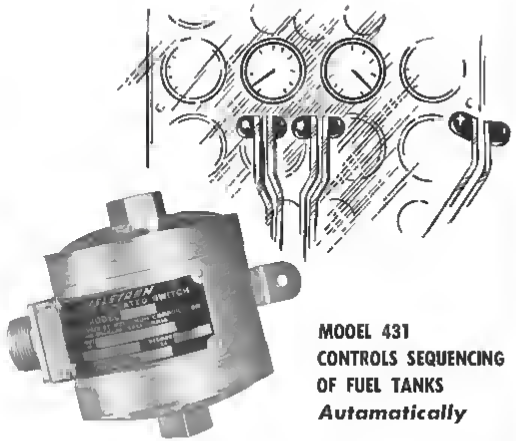
ONE YEAR LATER, the first experimental model of its successor, the more powerful J-48, was ready for flight test. Ahead still lay a long and difficult program of development, test and refinement—not only of the complete engine but of individual parts and sub-assemblies.

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LATE IN 1950, the first production J-48 engines were delivered to the Armed Forces—and today their high power output is being reflected in the outstanding performance of these Navy and Air Force jet fighters. To meet heavy demands from the Armed Forces for these engines, Pratt & Whitney Aircraft is now rapidly stepping up its own production and has also licensed the Dodge Division of the Chrysler Corporation to build additional quantities. Meanwhile, Pratt & Whitney is continuing to develop and further refine the J-48 Turbo-Wasp to help assure air supremacy for this nation.

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**▶Comparative Drag Measuremeots at Transonic Speeds of Rectangular and Sweptback NACA 65-009 Airfoils Mounted on a Freely Falling Body (Report 988)—Charles W. Mathews and Jim Rogers Thompson, Langley Aeronautical Lab.**

Five years ago, NACA was conducting an extensive program to determine the general characteristics of sweptback surfaces, part of this investigation centered around drop tests of a body-wing combination.

Originally classified, the results of that investigation have just been released as Report 988.

Two airfoils were compared, a rectangular planform and a sweptback planform of equal span and frontal area. Both were of NACA 65-009 section of equal chord measured perpendicular to the leading edge. Sweep was 45 deg.

Final results are presented as three curves: drag coefficient based on plan area, drag coefficient based on frontal area and drag parameter (Drag in lb. divided by the product of frontal area and static pressure).

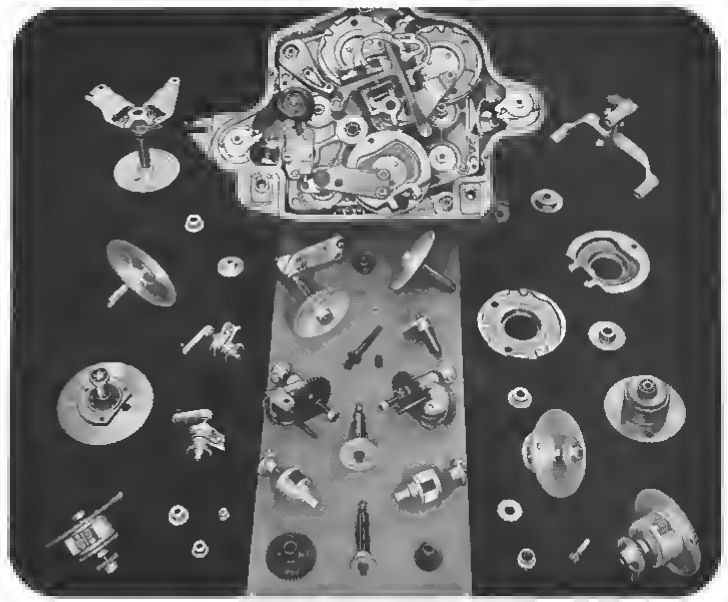
The curves show that the drag of the sweptback plan form is less than 0.3 that of the rectangular plan form at a Mach number of 1.0, and less than 0.4 at a Mach number of 1.2.

Comparison of drag curves for the sweptback and rectangular wing show the difference in rate of drag increase with Mach number. The rectangular wing shows the characteristic sharp rise at transonic speeds and the gradual rise once over the hump, this compares to the sweptback wing which shows a nearly linear increase with Mach number.

It should be noted that uncertainties for the actual value of the drag coefficient are almost 60 percent at a Mach number of 0.9, and decrease to the much improved value of 10 percent at Mach number of 1.2.




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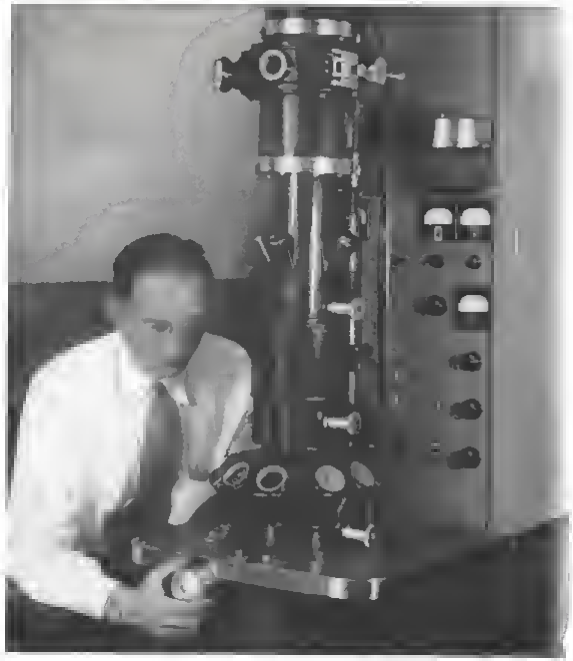


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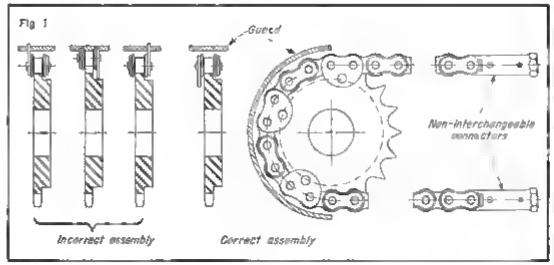
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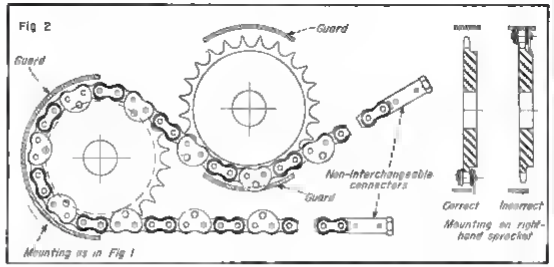


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For correct connection between chain and cable, non-interchangeable connectors can be used, but the chain to wheel hookup presents more possibility of error.

►**Extension Plate Feature**—Renold and Coventry Chain Co., Ltd., Manchester, England, has announced a modification of a standard chain design to eliminate chance of error resulting in reversed controls. Details are shown in the accompanying illustrations.

The chain is fitted with outer plates arranged on one side at four pitch intervals. The plates are extended (bulged) in one direction and have lightening holes. Reversal of the correct relative position of the chain on the sprocket end to end is prevented by using a boss on one side of the sprocket and the guard which also serves to keep the chain from riding the sprocket.

►**Only One Way**—A standard chain could be accommodated in four different positions on the sprocket because of its ability to mesh on two faces and reversibility end to end.

But with this chain and sprocket design, coupled with the guard (Fig. 1), only one position is possible. With this arrangement, only the correct hookup can be made.

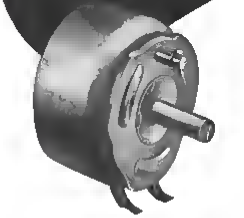
►**Both Faces Used**—At the same time, the ability of the chain to mesh on both faces is not sacrificed, as in the application involving two sprockets, where the required direction of rotation is not the same. This is illustrated in Fig. 2, where the arrangement at the left hand sprocket is as in Fig. 1, and the right hand unit is required to rotate in the opposite direction and mesh with the other side of the chain. As shown, it is only possible to place the chain on the underside of that sprocket, for which the guard is installed offset to allow the plate extension to pass.

►**No Patent**—Renold and Coventry Chain Co., Ltd. state that in order to make the chain freely available no patent has been applied for.

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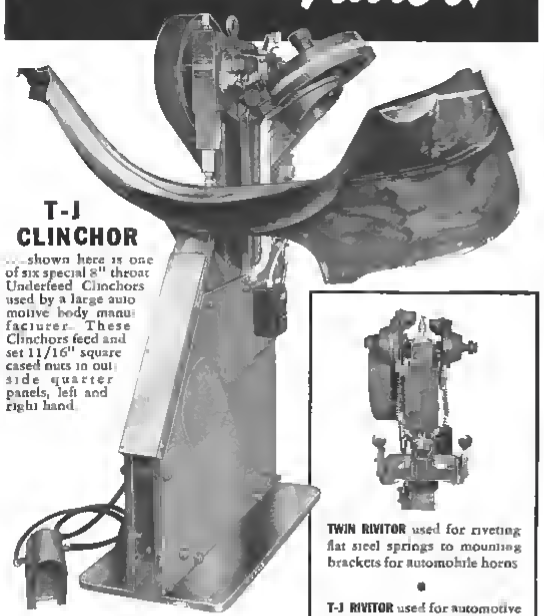
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## It has enabled Ryan to get deeper into military output with few troubles.

Ryan Aeronautical's diverse production setup has been proving its worth in the current switchover from civilian output to military work.

By getting deeper and deeper into handling precision aircraft and engine components subcontracting since World War II, the San Diego manufacturer kept together a stable skilled labor force and facility capable of taking on a changed production picture without facing many of the problems confronting other firms.

Now it looks like increasing orders are going to test Ryan's know-how to the fullest. Backlog of the firm at Jan. 31 this year—over $29 million—was more than four times fiscal 1949's $6,298,827.

► **Two Divisions**—Ryan's versatile make-up consists of two divisions—Airplane and Metal Products—which contribute to the overall know-how needed in aircraft and components manufacturing.

The Airplane division is responsible for manufacturing and sales of the four-place Navion, production of major airframe components and assemblies on subcontract from other aircraft makers, and design and development of new type aircraft and other aviation and electronic equipment.

Metal Products work deals with products made of high heat-resistant alloys, such as exhaust systems and allied items, heat exchangers, and thermal anti-icing equipment, and major turbojet components and accessories.

Sales volume of the Airplane division's Navion executive plane last year for aircraft, spare parts and service work was up to $2,646,935, a profit, before income taxes, of about 3.8 percent on sales volume, compared with a slight loss for the prior year. About 2350 Navions are in service. Total airplane division sales during fiscal 1950 were $5,648,889.

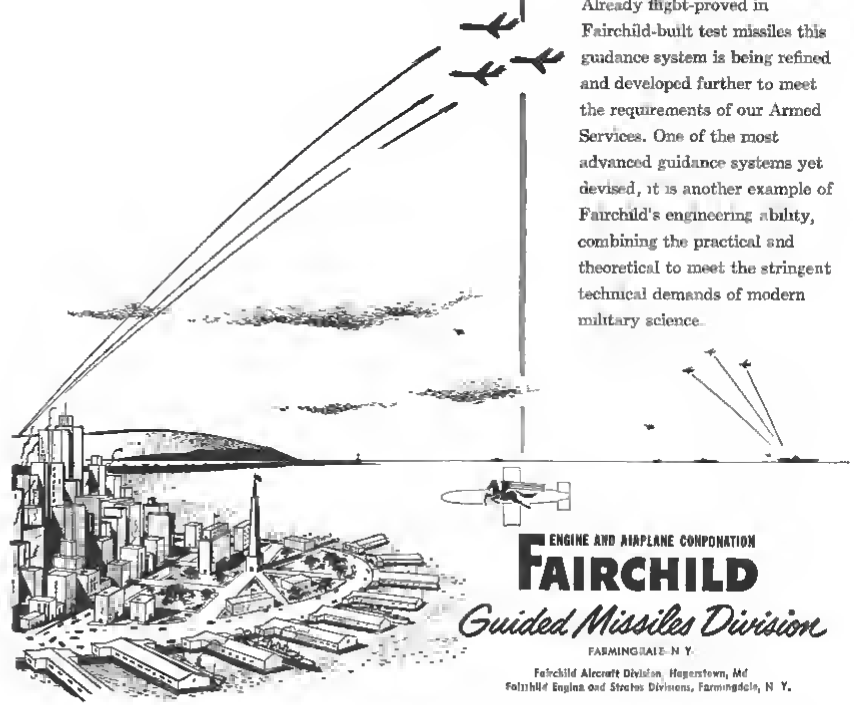
► **Navion Picture**—Although the company, after looking over the materials situation, decided to limit 1951 Navion output to the number producible from materials on hand or on order, there's still the possibility that from Army Ground Forces will come initial additional orders, on which Ryan has already submitted a bid and proposal. L-17B Navions in service in Korea have been effectively handling personnel transport, rescue operations, spotting enemy armor and troop concentrations, and leading jet fighters into the targets.

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can be used for handling ever increasing airframe components subcontracts, such as large fuselage sections, cargo doors, floor beams and other assemblies for the Boeing C-97 Stratofreighter, and large external fuel tanks designed by Ryan for the B-47.

A large portion of the firm's research and development work is now taken up on the AF-Navy XQ-2 jet propelled pilotless target plane, on which Ryan is doing both electronic guidance and airframe design.

The Metal Products branch was the source of Ryan's biggest sales volume and earnings, ($6,863,962 in fiscal 1950) with leading aircraft engine makers joining the plane builders in becoming customers for the firm's specially designed exhaust systems. A new source of exhaust system business was for new Army tank engines. Replacement and spare parts of exhaust systems constitute a healthy volume during the service life of airplanes and engines.

A lot of Ryan's exhaust systems experience proved handy when the company took on subcontracts for General Electric's J 47 turbojet building stainless steel exhaust cones, tail pipes, burner liners and other assemblies. This department is also at work on rocket motors and guided missiles components.

By Feb. 1, there were 2824 employes on the payroll, and the figure is still rising.

## This Subcontractor Was Easy to Find

A flood of Air Force business has put a Buffalo, N. Y., equipment manufacturer in the curious position of being a subcontractor on its own product.

The company is A. E. Bausenbach, Inc., manufacturer of metal containers in which jet engines are hermetically sealed for shipping or storage. Recently (AVIATION WEEK Mar. 5) the Air Force announced a $3,070,624 order for the containers. But instead of going to the Bausenbach company, the prime contract went to its big neighbor, American Locomotive Co., Dunkirk, N. Y.

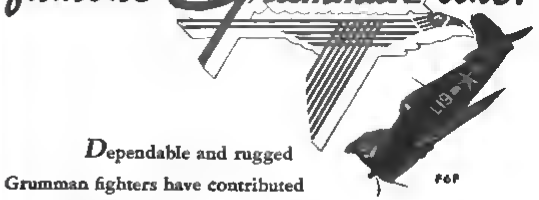
Here's why. The Air Force requires posting of a performance bond by a contract recipient. In this case, the bond would have been larger than the Bausenbach firm's net worth. Therefore, the contract was negotiated in the name of American Locomotive Co.

As subcontractor, Bausenbach will handle about $1.1 million—or 36 percent—of the $3,070,624 Air Force order. The other 64 percent will be handled by American Locomotive Co., and that, according to Arthur E. Bausenbach, president of the Buffalo firm, is "a plain case of the tail wagging the dog."

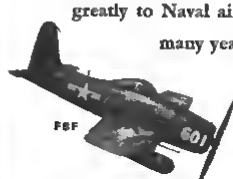

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# Mechanized Control Saves Money

**UAL's change-over from manual inventory recording puts more items on the shelf, but cuts investment.**

By mechanizing inventory control records, United Air Lines has been able to buy more equipment, stock a greater number of items to provision newer airplanes and yet reduce inventory value and maintain inventory control with fewer manhours and less cost.

The company placed seven Boeing Stratocruisers in service in 1950 yet inventory level at year's end was $4.5 million, compared with $6.2 million in 1949 and $6.3 million in 1948. Manhours in handling 53,600 different kinds of items last year were 20,000 less than in 1948 with 36,500 items. Cost of taking annual inventory in 1950 was $5400 as against $7000 in 1948, despite a one third increase in types of items stocked.

United's Purchasing and Stores department has 242 employees, with 32 directly associated with purchasing. Last year they placed 27,615 orders totaling $23.1 million, of which $12,750,000 was for fuel and oil. The 1949 bill on 21,228 orders, including $10 million for fuel and oil, amounted to $17.5 million. Company stock rooms issued 11,228,400 items in 1950.

►**From Hand to Machine**—United claims to be the only airline that has completely mechanized its inventory control records. The old method of posting inventory issues by hand was satisfactory until four engined planes took the airways. The DC-4 required stocking 15,000 different items in 1946, DC-6's added another 10,000 items the following year. Daily stock issues skyrocketed from 750 to 3000, and errors caused by hand posting piled up at an alarming rate.

Change over from hand posting to IBM mechanized inventory control was preceded by a three-month test in the summer of 1948. Two sets of records were kept on 4000 items, one by hand, the other by machine. At the end of the test 10 percent of the hand-posted and machine-calculated balances failed to jibe. Subsequent checking disclosed that hand posting was at fault in every case.

Mechanization was completed late in 1949. Earlier that year D. V. O'Leary became director of Purchasing and Stores and began trimming off inventory fat accumulated while adding new flying






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equipment in the postwar period. Mechanized inventory control, developed by N. J. McMahon, staff superintendent in Purchasing and Stores, provided a sharp scalpel.

By ferreting out deadwood, duplications and other irregularities, the system has enabled United to slough off $1.7 million from inventory. Formerly, for example, 4600 separate kinds of DC-3 airframe items were stocked. Today there are 2739. The decline in inventory has been paralled by a 50 percent reduction in out-of-stock incidents so that, paradoxically, more orders now are filled with less on the shelves.

▶**How It's Done**—Purchasing and Stores has 15 inventory analysts who each ride herd on approximately 3500 items. Through IBM reports at weekly, monthly and quarterly intervals, they keep track of an infinite number of blown fuse bags, rudder pedal links and 53,598 other articles as easily as a housewife checks off the family laundry list.

Analysts receive weekly reports covering issues of all items within their domain. Study of the report shows which stocks have reached the order point and whether runs have developed on any particular item. The latter bears careful watching in view of slower delivery of materials affected by the defense program. A skilled analyst can spot incipient runs so that stocks may be replenished in time.

A monthly report gives complete data on inventory status. Current balances of each item are listed, along with prices for computation of inventory value. Within several days after the business month ends, Purchasing and Stores informs management of the exact amount of material consumed, its cost and quantities remaining.

The quarterly report has two sections. One lists all items issued in the previous three months and their respective value. The other section isolates items which have gathered dust on store shelves throughout the quarter, while subdivisions show those inactive for longer periods. Inventory pruning thus becomes an easy matter.

▶**By-Products**—Apart from keeping United's inventory shipshape, machine reports have important side uses. For example, they separate low-dollar from high-dollar items so that attention can be concentrated on the latter. They also yield data for accurate forecasting of supply costs and special reports to management.

United supplements mechanized inventory control with documents, procedures and techniques that collectively add up to hefty savings in cash and manhours. Among these are:

• **Monthly usage ratio chart** that enables United's buyers to order for DC-3s, DC-4s, DC-6s and Boeing Stratocruisers on the basis of a mathematically determined rate of consumption. The chart correlates such factors as the usage rate in previous months and forthcoming increases in flying time. It is especially valuable in this period of delivery lags, since required quantities as of any future delivery date are precisely calculated.

• **Stores catalogue** of every item on inventory, kept up to date by daily changes at United's San Francisco maintenance base. A new page can be printed or an old one revised in 42 seconds. Items are classified under nine general categories, ranging from engines and parts to hardware, raw stock and upholstery supplies. Coded notations indicate the location of each item and whether parts are interchangeable.

• **Combined purchase order** and receiving report which eliminates multiple typings. Formerly, in buying any item, a ten-copy purchase order and a six-copy receiving report had to be typed separately. The new document consists of an original and nine copies typed simultaneously.

• **Re-order card** which obviates typing up new requisitions for each transaction. The card has the further advantage of showing the history of any item, purchase by purchase, along with comments of company buyers.

• **Mathematical formula** which enables buyers to determine when discounts are economical in relation to the time a given quantity will be carried on inventory. Discounts can be deceptive. An apparent savings may be eaten up by insurance, handling and other costs.

Still other economies have come from centralized control of Purchasing and Stores. Prior to November, 1949, they were separate departments employing 367 as against 242 today. Of these, 181 are stationed at the San Francisco maintenance base.

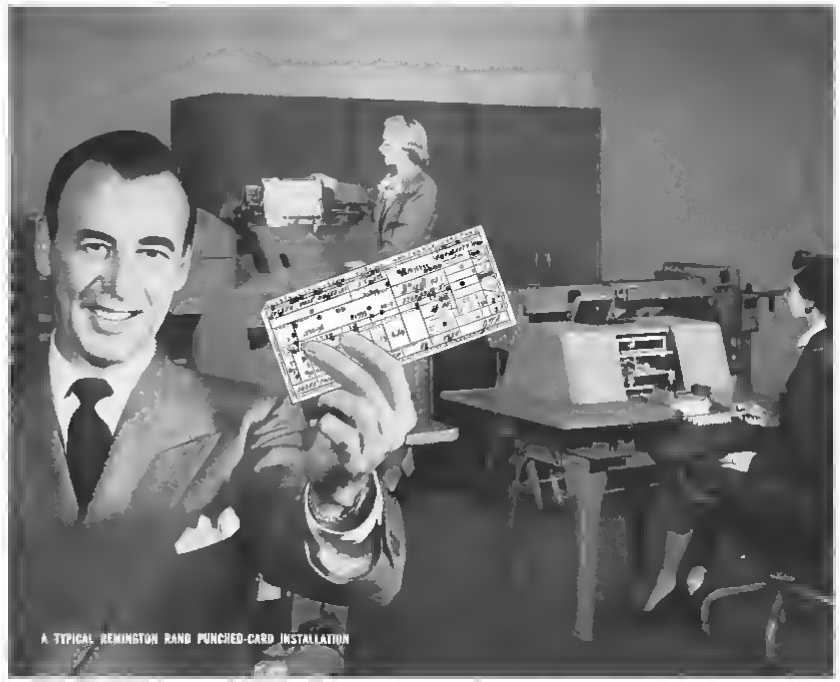
▶**How UAL Buys**—Any firm billing United for $250 or more per annum must qualify for the Approved Vendors List of the Purchasing and Stores Department.

To obtain listing, vendors must stand up favorably under scrutiny of their credit ratings, business ethics, permanency, and other criteria. About 800 vendors currently are listed.

In addition to maintaining supplies for seven Stratocruisers, 44 DC-6s, 24 DC-4s and 58 DC-3s, United currently is provisioning for 30 new Convair Liners Model 340. Delivery of these 44-passenger, twin-engined transports begins next year. Supplies for 20 new DC-6Bs now being delivered, already have been stocked.

O'Leary takes an optimistic view of supply snags created by the defense program and he reports that United has suffered no acute pinch to date. "Delivery time is from 20 to 50 percent




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## Plug Meeting

*(McGraw-Hill World News)*

**London**—Lodge Plugs Ltd., Rugby, will sponsor a European Ignition Conference in 1951, along similar lines to the very successful one held in London in April 1950.

Location, as before, will be the Savoy Hotel, London, on July 17-18. Air Commodore F. R. Banks, of the Associated Ethyl Company Ltd. will again be chairman of the sessions.

## New Heavy-Duty Ground Connector

*(McGraw-Hill World News)*

**London**—A heavy duty electrical ground connector for aircraft has been put on the market by The Plessey Co., Ilford, England.

Unit connects ground electrical equipment with planes to supply current for engine starting and other purposes. The device is designed to carry both 24- and 120v. continuous current rating is 250 amp., momentary peak load is 1500 amp.

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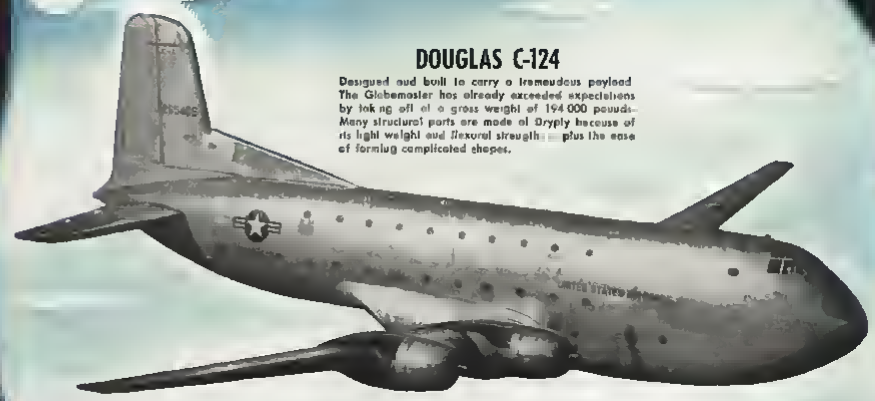
These three General Electric test stands duplicate complete aircraft electrical systems. Each stand, powered by a 450-hp radial plane engine, is capable of reproducing with precision normal and overloads, over voltages, short circuits and other occurrences to an aircraft's electrical system while in flight. The stand determines whether generators, alternators, distribution circuits and control systems can operate satisfactorily under all conditions. GE engineers say that the test stands are currently being used for development of 28v. dc. systems for commercial and military planes, also for 400 cycle ac. and 120v. dc. control circuits. They add that design of new equipment has been materially aided by use of the test units since much of it is "de-bugged" before being placed in actual operation in aircraft electrical systems.




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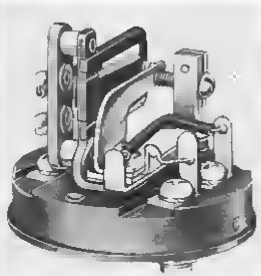
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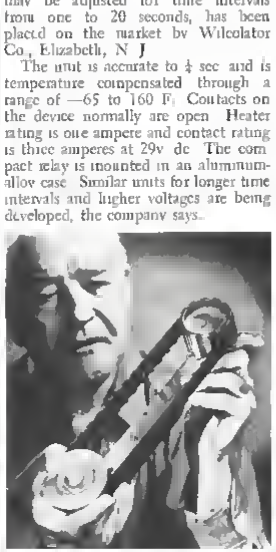
# NEW AVIATION PRODUCTS



## Time Delay Relay

A thermal time delay relay, which may be adjusted for time intervals from one to 20 seconds, has been placed on the market by Wilcolator Co., Elizabeth, N J

The unit is accurate to ¼ sec and is temperature compensated through a range of —65 to 160 F. Contacts on the device normally are open Heater rating is one ampere and contact rating is three amperes at 29v dc The compact relay is mounted in an aluminum-alloy case Similar units for longer time intervals and higher voltages are being developed, the company says.



## Belts Grow Teeth

A rubber and fabric drive belt with teeth has been perfected after twelve years of development by the U S Rubber Co

Known as the Gilmer Timing Belt, it is considered by its developers "the most outstanding advance in power transmission during the past 50 years"

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The rugged belt, reinforced by steel cables for high loads and high strength cotton cord for light duty, permits delicate, split-second timing It is efficient at low speeds of inches per minute or high speeds up to 16,000 ft /min The belt operates more quietly than precision gears running in an oil bath, says the company

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The belt is being produced at U S Rubber's L H Gilmer division Philadelphia

## Sweetens Aircraft

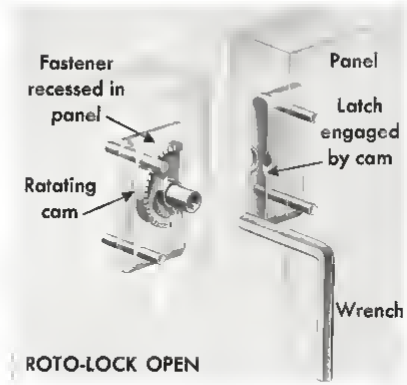
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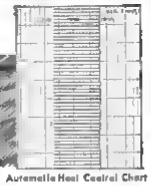


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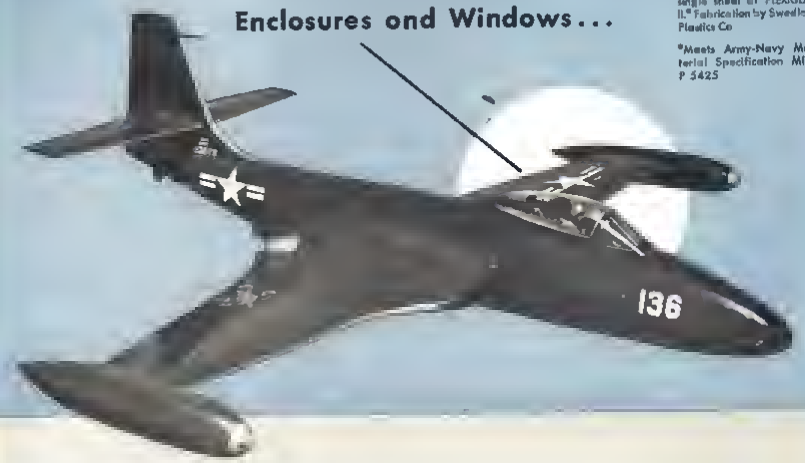
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# SALES & SERVICE



AIRLINE PASSENGER heads for ever-ready Appointment Airlines' Bonanza air taxi

## Air Taxi Gets Boost in N.Y. Area

**Port Authority gives two operators special permits for shuttle and charter flights with one-engine craft.**

Local air taxi service in cooperation with the scheduled airlines has gained an opening wedge in the New York area with establishment by the Port of New York Authority of a special airport taxi operator classification and granting of the first two permits. Two local operators will provide supplemental air transportation from PNYA's terminals to neighboring communities not served by the scheduled carriers.

The Authority has also petitioned the Civil Aeronautics Board to ease some of the provisions of the economic regulations pertaining to regularity and frequency of operations of small irregular carriers, to encourage their growth.

The first two, and thus far only, permits were granted by PNYA on Dec. 1 to Appointment Airlines, Inc., of New York, and Air Taxi, Inc., of Red Bank Airport, Inc., N. J. The permit also gives the two operators the right to conduct charter and aerial sight seeing flights at the Authority's terminals.

▶**Percent of Gross**—The financial arrangement is worked out on a percentage of the permittees' gross income. Trips within a radius of 50 mi. from a PNYA airport, 10 percent; 50-125 mi., 7½ percent; over 125 mi., 5 percent. Port Authority requires that the operators carry $100,000/$300,000 public liability coverage and $500,000 property damage insurance. The public liability requirement is based on the fact that Appointment and Air Taxi now operate 3-passenger Ryan Navion and Beech Bonanza aircraft.

Since the equipment is single engined, the Port Authority also requires that the permittees conduct their flying according to VFR rules, and their operations are subordinated to the scheduled airlines.

▶**Appointment First**—First to start service under the new ruling has been Appointment Airlines, headed by radio and television performer William L. Cullen. The carrier was incorporated in New York in 1950 and is capitalized at $30,000. Theodore Golden, a surgeon, who is also a private pilot, is vice president, and Martin Goodman is treasurer. Golden has been flying a dozen years and holds a commercial land and sea rating.

The line has a Beech Bonanza and a Ryan Navion, expects to acquire another Bonanza, also a Twin Beech for long range charter operations. The three pilots have a minimum of 5000 hr. and hold all ratings, including A&E. The pilots handle all routine maintenance on their planes, with heavier work done by Atlantic Aviation, Teterboro, N. J.

Air Taxi, Inc., is a division of Red Bank Airport, Inc., a typical fixed-base operation, headed by W. R. Laudenslager, which has a flight school and handles sales and service for Beech and Piper. The taxi service, now bases a Bonanza every day at LaGuardia Field, next will have one each at Newark and N. Y. International. The carrier has six qualified pilots.

▶**Close to Carriers**—Both services have set up informal relations with the scheduled carriers at the Port Authority air terminals—that is, they work with the ticket counter agents, who send them business, such as passengers who have come to the wrong airport to get their plane and have to be ferried to the proper terminal in time to make connections.

Flights are handled on a flat rate basis of approximately $12 between airports. Trip takes about 12 minutes, whereas a surface cab between the main airports (New York to New Jersey) costs approximately $12.50 and takes from 40 min. to 1¼ hr. Where the error is due to faulty ticketing, the airlines have picked up the tab for getting the passenger to the proper spot in time.

Appointment and Air Taxi utilize phone answering services and have phone coverage at each of the fields permitting contact with potential clients on a round-the-clock basis.

Regular air taxi, where the airlines will ticket their passengers through all the way to the nearest point of destination by using these taxi "feeders," is still dependent upon directives being issued down through the organizations making it mandatory for passenger agents to sell tickets in this fashion. Although the Air Traffic Conference of America has come to agreement with the carriers on using this approach, a checkup of the main airlines in the New York area found their staffs unfamiliar with any such arrangement.

▶**Useful Contacts**—Thus at this time, the airport shuttles can hardly justify the existence of the two operators, but they do come in handy in building contacts for charter flying which is now their mainstay.

For instance, Appointment has picked up charter business from the airlines to fly aircrews to pick up aircraft or transport executives on official business.

In February Appointment flew 40 shuttle trips for a total of 2992 shuttle passenger miles, Air Taxi handled approximately 35 trips.

## BRIEFING FOR DEALERS AND DISTRIBUTORS

▶**Improves Instrument Service**—Winged Instrument Co., owned and operated by Bud Reed, has moved its aircraft instrument overhaul shop from Norwood, Mass., to Bedford Airport, Mass., to provide more complete service to executives and operators in this territory.

▶**Cleco Appointment**—Cleco division of Reed Roller Bit Co., Houston, Tex., has named Olson Equipment Co., 2930 Blaisdell Ave., Minneapolis, as distributors of Cleco pneumatic tools in that area.







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# '50 Reports Not What They Seem

**Nature of aircraft industry works against final annual accounting, with adjustments spread out over years.**

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The aircraft group probably contends with more adjustments of this type than most any other industry. The very nature of aircraft manufacture gives rise to this peculiarity

The aircraft industry is essentially a contracting business and as such does not lend itself to an exact accounting by precise yearly periods

▶**Tentative Finality**—Major procurement contracts may run upwards of two years before completion Accordingly, any interim accounting determination must be regarded as only tentative until all contract deliveries are made In practice, however, once the annual reports of most aircraft companies are released, the published figures are accepted as final and filed away in the reference manuals

Even assuming that contract deliveries are all completed, there is no irrevocable finality to the transaction With the government the principal customer, the aircraft industry is subject to a series of contract price redeterminations and renegotiations

These processes may run their course a year or more before management will know the exact profit or loss adjustments that may apply to completed business of prior years

▶**Carry-Forward**—Consolidated Vultee provides an interesting case history as to the cushioning effect of the carry-forward provision of the tax laws For the year ended Nov 30, 1950 Convair reported a net income of $10,241,644 No federal taxes were paid for this period, however, due to tax credits accrued from losses of past periods

The company further expects that a substantial portion of 1951 earnings will also be tax free As to excess profits taxes, Convair does not feel that it will feel the impact to "any substantial degree, if at all," prior to fiscal year 1952

Convair's 1950 earnings are also inflated by $514,555 representing the amount recovered in the settlement of prior year's taxes as carried on the balance sheet for federal tax claims This excess provision was included in 1950 net income

Further, if Convair had not revised its accounting procedure by including estimated profits on uncompleted cost plus-fixed-fee contracts for which expenditures have been made, its net earnings would have been only $7,988,064 instead of $10,241,644

Boeing Airplane Co made a similar change in its accounting procedure which increased earnings For the year ended Dec 31, 1950, the company reported net income of $10,826,558. By including uncompleted sales to the extent costs and all applicable fees are considered reimbursable by the company, Boeing's 1950 sales were increased by $1,445,785 and its net earnings, after taxes, boosted by $691,230

▶**Tax Returns**—Curtiss-Wright Corp reveals a retroactive adjustment on taxes of another type. For 1944 to 1947 inclusive, the company now appears to have provided excess reserves for federal taxes of $13 400,000 This amount was previously taken out of earnings for those years With the settlement of tax claims for that period the $13 400,000 in provision for federal taxes has now been transferred to earned surplus This simply means that 1944 to 1947 earnings were previously understated by that amount

Very much the same condition prevails with United Aircraft Corp For the year ended Dec 31, 1950 the company reported net income, after taxes of $13,204 128 However, included in such income was the amount of $2,676 127 representing the refund and adjustments of taxes on prior years and covering 1944, 1945 and 1946 In other words, 1950 reported earnings are overstated by the amount of this tax adjustment

▶**Different Treatment**—Bendix Aviation Corp also made a substantial tax recovery for past periods but did not include such gain in its 1950 fiscal year's earnings For example the company settled its income taxes for the war years, 1940 to 1946 inclusive In this settlement, it received a net refund of $1,086,971

As a result, it no longer needed a tax provision amounting to $3,760,154 which had been accumulated during the years involved Consequently, a total of $4,847,125 was credited directly to earned surplus While 1950's earnings were not inflated by this process, results as previously reported for the war years now appear to have been understated

North American Aviation, Inc. has a series of tax adjustments which go back to 1942 and 1943 None of these, however, is incorporated in reported earnings for the year ended Sept 30, 1950. In fact, none of the estimated credit of about $1 million has as yet been taken into earned surplus The company is awaiting approval of the Bureau of Internal Revenue in Washington and of the Joint Congressional Committee before it is willing to count on this net refund

McDonnell Aircraft Corp reported net income of $2,815,219 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1950 Included in this total, however, was the amount of $377,733 representing a proposed settlement by the company on a completed contract but subject to ratification by the Government Further, the Bureau of Internal Revenue has notified McDonnell of a cumulative deficiency on taxes of about $150,000 covering the period June 30, 1942 to June 30, 1946 The company denies this liability and has petitioned for a refund of about $13,000 instead in the U S Tax Court

There is not a single aircraft company which at one time or another, can avoid tax adjustments covering past periods This is inherent in the character of the industry and provides an important qualification to current earnings reports as released

—Selig Altschul

# Northwest Reports Substantial Increase

Northwest Airlines showed a substantial increase in revenue in 1950, but turned in a net loss for the year of $135 478 after tax and mail pay adjustments For the preceding year, net profit amounted to $1,357,679

Total operating revenues were $51,-396,000, vs 1949 adjusted total revenues of $40,925,000 Last year, operating expenses totaled $51,595,000, including depreciation and amortization charges of $5,873,000 In 1949, depreciation and amortization amounted to $3 956,000 in total expenses of $38,-988 000

A tax credit of $265,000, plus sundry income and deductions brought Northwest's loss for 1950 to $493,961. Mail pay adjustments for previous years amounting to $358,483 reduced the net loss to $135,478

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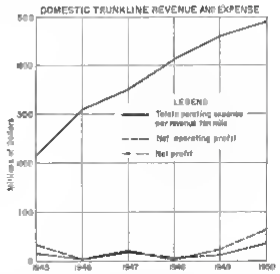




## Domestic Trunkline Revenue and Expense

| | TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE | TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE PER REVENUE TON MILE | NET OPERATING PROFIT | NET PROFIT |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1950* | $490,689,627 | $0.47 | $65,749,189 | $66,013,140** |
| 1949 | 458,758,544 | 54 | 24,825,337 | 18,870,500 |
| 1948 | 413,852,857 | 53 | 9,075,114 | (4,990,305) |
| 1947 | 359,490,305 | 55 | (20,990,181) | (20,242,220) |
| 1946 | 311,934,041 | 48 | (6,228,420) | (5,530,554) |
| 1945 | 214,000,005 | 42 | 53,05[illegible] | 15,984,607 |

* Not including Northwest Airlines
** 1950 net profit figure includes TWA and United Air Lines, who consolidate domestic and Int'l net profit and/or loss (Aviation Week Apr 9 p 10)

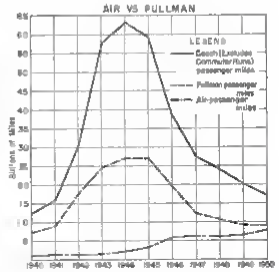



## Revenue Passenger Miles—Air vs. Train

*(000 omitted)*

| | AIR† | PULLMAN‡ | COACH‡ |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1940 | 1,157,000 | 7,057,787 | 18,485,315 |
| 1941 | 1,505,803 | 9,168,089 | 16,106,030 |
| 1942 | 1,861,270 | 12,855,577 | 30,919,293 |
| 1943 | 2,670,935 | 24,075,279 | 57,907,149 |
| 1944 | 2,211,905 | 29,968,581 | 69,287,351 |
| 1945 | 3,409,200 | 26,912,500 | 49,414,950 |
| 1946 | 6,058,315 | 19,861,007 | 30,030,427 |
| 1947 | 4,907,000 | 12,200,702 | 27,690,247 |
| 1948 | 5,327,932 | 11,014,551 | 24,214,987 |
| 1949 | 6,625,005 | 9,843,319 | 20,272,843 |
| 1950 | 7,871,405 | **9,221,140 | **17,070,137 |

† AAR—ICC Analysis of Passenger Traffic forms; coach figures exclude commuter runs
‡ Excludes military charters
** Pullman and coach Dec 1949 thru Nov 30 1950




# Airline Business Shows Growing Strength

**Low cost operations plus heavy traffic more than double 1949 profits and this year looks even better.**

Domestic trunk airlines attained about $35 million net profit after taxes in 1950—compared with just $13,378,209 in 1949 and a total net loss of over $30 million in 1946-48. Heavy traffic combined with low-cost operations on tried-and-true equipment to usher in a new era last year—similar to the great year of 1945, when the airlines earned $16,904,567 by getting high load factors on their well-broken in DC-3s.

And 1951 traffic so far is running considerably higher than the record 1950. January 1951 trunkline operating profit, excluding American Airlines, already totals $3,621,000. Airlines have generally lost money in January in the past.

The secret of the profit jump is in low ton-mile cost. Trunklines averaged 47 cents a ton mile total operating expense in 1950. That compares with 54 cents in 1949 and 58 cents in 1948. Ton mile cost back in 1945 was only 42 cents, but that was before inflation set in.

▶**Domestic Revenue**—The 1950 total domestic operating revenue of trunklines was $490,689,627. Not counting Northwest, the trunk airline operating profit of $65,749,189 (before taxes and other adjustments) represented a net operating profit margin of only 5¼ percent and a 1945 operating profit margin of 16 percent.

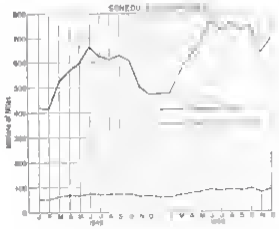
The figures thus compare favorably with other peak years.

Observers say the big jump in the 1950 profit margin—to almost that of prosperous 1945—is mainly due to two things: high load factor and reduced costs on aircraft and ground operations. The 1950 load factor of 63 percent is six percent higher than 1949. While the high load factor automatically reduces unit costs, there is an additional cost reduction in 1950 attributable (1) to greater efficiency of management and equipment after the 1946-49 economy era; and (2) to better performance of the postwar DC-6, Constellation, and Convair-Liner after several years' break-in experience. Whether 1951-52 will see temporarily increased costs on the brand new Super-Constellation, DC-6B, Convair 340 and Martin 4-0-4 is a question. Fortunately, all of these are merely souped-up versions of their earlier models, so break-in cost should be less than it was in the 1946-49 period.

▶**Air Bites Iron**—Airlines cut deeply into rail travel in 1950. While first-class rail travel dropped fractionally from 1949 to 1950 (9,221,146,000 passenger miles) trunk airline passenger miles gained 12 percent to 7,871,405,000 passenger miles.

▶**Air Coach Hits Rail Coach**—Even more significant than the trend toward air travel replacing rail pullman travel is the bite that air coach is taking out of rail coach.

While trunkline travel increased 12 percent, rail pullman stood still and rail dropped 14 percent (excludes short haul



## Trunkline Mileage

PASSENGER MILES

| | 1949 | 1950 |
|---|---|---|
| Jan | 418,739,000 | 474,240,000 |
| Feb. | 421,754,000 | 474,200,000 |
| Mar | 501,333,000 | 559,078,000 |
| Apr | 504,383,000 | 620,179,000 |
| May | 594,466,000 | 672,774,000 |
| June | 662,351,000 | 706,930,000 |
| July | 524,351,000 | 750,357,000 |
| Aug | 611,017,000 | 756,103,000 |
| Sept | 628,014,000 | 732,712,000 |
| Oct. | 608,470,000 | 701,682,000 |
| Nov | 506,112,000 | 584,270,000 |
| Dec. | 470,002,000 | 695,322,000 |
| TOT | 6,625,995,000 | 7,971,405,000 |

TON MILES—ALL KINDS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Jan | 52,916,712 | 59,374,520 |
| Feb. | 52,958,095 | 58,706,025 |
| Mar | 65,502,092 | 70,391,398 |
| Apr | 70,173,004 | 75,910,583 |
| May | 82,757,810 | 91,290,826 |
| June | 78,227,309 | 83,926,970 |
| July | 71,421,800 | 80,337,097 |
| Aug | 72,956,838 | 90,151,072 |
| Sept | 75,173,400 | 88,510,426 |
| Oct. | 74,015,728 | 86,084,647 |
| Nov | 63,74[illegible]42 | 75,835,795 |
| Dec. | 64,822,208 | 80,511,343 |
| TOT | 900,709,037 | 982,127,51[illegible] |

# Progress Seen on Boosting Airlift

**Rentzel cites areas of agreement among policy-makers on far-ranging plans to increase airlines' potential.**

Delos W Rentzel, as chairman of the NSRB air transport mobilization survey, reports much progress in getting top-level agreement on the military civil plan to boost air transport as an airlift mobilization reserve

Most important feature potentially is the military requirement for air freight development and operations subsidy That is still just a requirement with no solution yet But some Air Force officers reportedly are getting more eager for the government and the civil air transport industry to devise some way to foster air freight development

(Rentzel is moving up from the CAB chairmanship to be Undersecretary of Commerce for Transportation, and he is now Defense Mobilizer C E Wilson's mobilization coordinator of land, sea and air transport He is also chairman of both the Civil Military Air Coordinating Committee and the NSRB Air Transport Mobilization Survey )

The NSRB plan to stimulate long term air transport build up is going as follows

But Rentzel says the preliminary plan will be ready in six months Biggest problem, though, is lack of an ideal freight plane What's needed is something like a plane designed for transit van loading of modular size portable packages

• **Air freight prototype** development plans for airlines are still uncertain this year (AVIATION WEEK, Apr 2)

• **More military use of airline services** is still a growing conscious policy of the military traffic service

• **Self sufficient mute patterns** for the domestic trunklines are CAB's pet project right now CAB aims to make all the trunks self sufficient The board is sponsoring more compulsory interchanges between airlines (AVIATION WEEK Mar 26) and also is helping the trunklines get rid of stops that lose money The Board favors mergers too but cannot compel them

• **All weather slow down** inherent in the two thirds slash of the Air Navigation Development Board program is a blow to future airline business growth many observers agree But Rentzel plays this down, saying it affects only long range projects However, the item by item slash shown in AVIATION WEEK Apr 2 shows that further development contract coordination toward a common system of all-weather operation is virtually killed for the duration of the ANDB demise

• **Fostering of international** air coach travel on U S planes is expected to start in the summer of 1952 It will not be a small pilot test operation, Rentzel predicts He says international air coach over the Atlantic will start strong and grow stronger Foreign resistance to air coach will not kill the program, Rentzel predicts

• **First-class mail** by air over long hauls is still in the planning stage at the Post Office Department Plans progress is rapid but right now the airlines lack the planes Extra planes needed are estimated at anywhere from 40 to over a hundred freighters, depending on how fully they are utilized On a straight tonnage basis assuming full utilization of DC-4s loaded with nothing but mail, only about 40 planes might be needed Former Postmaster Robert E Hannegan told Congress in 1946 that some 500-700 planes might be needed, but that figure is far too high, Air Transport Assn says

▶ **Subsidy**—The avowed CAB policy now is to put the trunk airlines on no-subsidy mail pay as fast as they reach that capability The big four—American, Eastern, TWA, and United—have lately been negotiating permanent non-subsidy mail rates with about 57-cents-a-ton mile pay for mail service in the recent past, and something around 45 cents a ton mile future pay Provision is left, however, for recapture by either airline or post office in changed future conditions

One by one the rest of the trunks will be pushed toward equal self-sufficiency

This CAB policy of reducing mail pay at first seems inconsistent with repeated military and civil policy statements such as the President's Air Policy Commission report in 1947 (Finletter report) An policy of defense calls for build up of airlines now more than ever—as the first line of airlift reserve in war

But the answer says Rentzel, is this true, overall mail pay subsidy will decline (Reason for this, not mentioned by Rentzel is that Congress is reluctant to continue airline subsidy when the line can stand without it) But, says Rentzel other things will compensate for declining mail pay per ton mile these are the indirect aids to air business listed above

Defense Department and other government agencies will see the airlines get the business to build them to the required airlift potential, Rentzel says That may give defense more control and power to build the airlines

commuter service) How much of this was due to introduction of air travel to the mass market by means of low air coach rates is a question, as up to-date air-coach statistics are not available But the airlines using air coach know they are making money on the coach service And that is before counting on any "return-engagement" profit that accrues from selling a new market on air travel

In 1946 all domestic air passenger miles were only 15½ percent of all rail coach travel, excluding commuting In 1950 air travel was 45 percent as great as rail coach and 30 percent as great as all rail travel—pullman and coach—other than commuting

As of last week all certificated airlines except Northwest and Pan American had reported their financial statistics for the year 1950 at the CAB on the so called Form 41 The carriers file their monthly traffic statistics at CAB about the 30th day after each month

Starting this January, both financial and traffic reporting forms are revised to give more data





# Group Studies Specs For Planes of Future

New design specifications for three planes of tomorrow—a local service, a cargo, and a jet transport—have come out of a three-day session of the prototype Aircraft Advisory Board's technical sub-committee

The board has Congress promise of $12 million to use on prototype testing But right now it has no prototype to test, so it is working on specs for future designs

Here are the new specs for as-yet unbuilt planes

• **Local Service** – The committee amended preliminary requirements (AVIATION WEEK, Nov 29)

30-mile-an hour cross wind allowance added to the 3300-ft single-runway field length requirement

Cargo floor strength 150 lb per sq ft, with provision for increasing to 200 lb

Direct operating cost should be lower than the old-timer DC 3

Depreciation cost of the proposed plane must be measured at a seven year life In figuring operating costs depreciation on the DC-3 should be for a 4 year life

• **Jet Transport Ideas**—The American jet transport of the future must be able to carry airborne radar, the committee agrees And here are some new requirements for the plane These show some changes from the specs drawn by a similar committee two years ago

| | 1951 Specs For Jet Transport | 1949 Specs For Jet Transport |
|---|---|---|
| Payload | 20 000 lb | 10,000 lb. |
| Range | 2000 miles plus 800 reserve | 2400 miles plus 800 reserve |
| Passengers | 64-96, seated four abreast | 40 |
| Speed | 500 MPH, block to block | same |
| Field Length | 5000 ft | 6000 ft. |
| Operating Cost, Direct, Per Ton Mile | 9–13 cents. No more than current DC-6 | 9–13 cents |
| Purchase Cost | $12 500 000 each in quantity of two | $10 500 000 each in quantity of two |

• **Air Freighter**—The committee spent half a day going over cargo loading and carrying Most experts agree today that the commercial cargo plane of the future should use some system of prepackaged pack or pod This would cut time and labor in loading and unloading—which is the chief way to cut cost per ton carried Type packages discussed are

Transit van, a package sized van for plane, truck and train handling John Alison, Transit Van Corp president, described his designs

Speedpak, a streamlined pod that fits under conventional planes Robert E Reedy of Lockheed Aircraft Corp and Charles Froesch, Eastern Air Lines, discussed this pod used by Eastern

Canopy pod, a crane loaded pack that fills in the upper section of the fuselage. Harlan D Fowler, consultant, went over this one Fairchild Aircraft representatives described the advantages of pod attached to the plane's underside

▶ **Jet Operations Testing**—The prototype testing board plans to test an Air Force bomber—the B-45—on simulated airline operations Despite obvious differences of bomber and commercial transport, the board chooses the bomber over the British or Canadian jet airline transports This meeting did not go over the jet test plan extensively, but (non sked) Air Coach Transport Assn president Amos Heacock resigned his place on the committee, saying the jet testing plan was unrealistic; he said he would prefer to be on the outside, free to criticize the prototype plans

The committee decided to drop the Chase C-122 assault transport from its testing program The C 122 may not be available, and may not prove much, the committee said Main thing it planned to learn here was the advantage of handling cargo with a low-slung plane, cargo door low to the ground

▶ **Engines**—The committee decided not to work yet on requirements for turboprops, in view of their rapid development on new military planes

# Local Boards to Rule On Pilot Deferment

The question of which commercial pilots are eligible for deferment from military service still stands, despite the Labor Dept listing of several types of twin-engined piloting as critical occupations

Airline, test operation, and cargo- and personnel-carrying pilots are generally doing "critical occupation work," the Labor list says But says Dewey Coates, executive secretary of the Labor-Commerce Committee on Essential Activities and Critical Occupations, each pilot's status depends on what he transports and how the particular local military delay board views his situation

An example A Texas oil firm has two planes—a twin-engined Beech D 18S and a Bonanza—to ferry personnel and bits of equipment about Texas Oil is an essential industry And pilots on cargo- and personnel carrying twin engined planes are on the critical occupations list

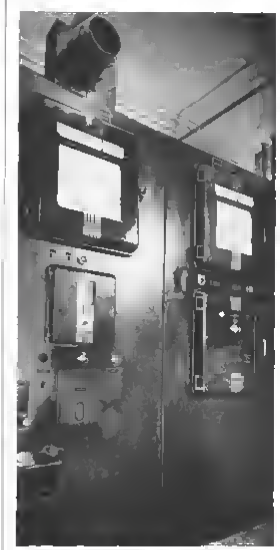
Those are the legal facts making the firm's pilot especially eligible for deferment consideration The rest is up to the local military delay board after the employer, in accordance with Air Force Regulation 3583, requests the pilot's deferment


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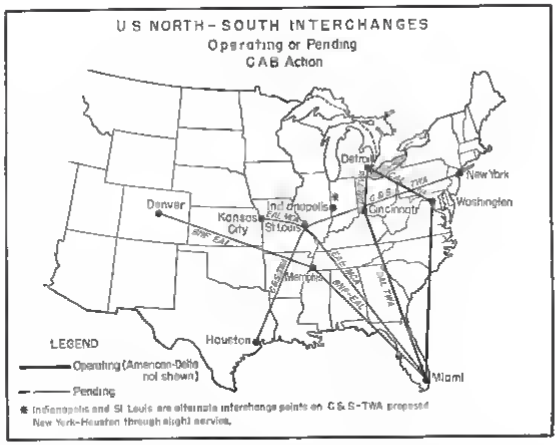
## By approving equipment deals, CAB plans wide route pattern changes.

CAB this month will markedly change the airline traffic patterns of both North and South America. The method used will be airline equipment interchange. The changes will affect southern transcontinental service and North-to-South America service.

The Board this month will finally approve—in time for summer scheduling—the five airline interchange agreements going southern through plane service to the West. Apr. 30 is the deadline, say CAB sources.

CAB has already written the first draft of its opinion, "tentatively" approving the National-Panagra interchange providing through plane service between New York and South American points, competitive with Pan American. The Board is expected to issue this "opinion" within the month, but the interchange operation would not start until late summer, airline sources estimate.

The CAB opinion will not allow National and Panagra to start operating their interchange right away. The Board will allow time for another hearing on it. This procedure, and the re-writing of the go-ahead order for temporary Panagra-National interchange, will take CAB at least three months after its "tentative" opinion is issued. Then the airlines will take a month to get going on their inter-American schedules. So, assuming the tentative opinion comes out by Apr. 30, the temporary approval may be expected by August and the actual operation by September. The Board wants the Panagra-National set up temporary—just to get something going while deciding on a permanent pattern.




▶ **Inter-American Rivals**—Other New York-S A. interchange proposals the Board will consider for permanent approval are: Eastern Air Lines-Pan American, and Eastern Air Lines-Braniff Airways. Board observers say CAB will finally approve only two of the three New York-South American interchanges.

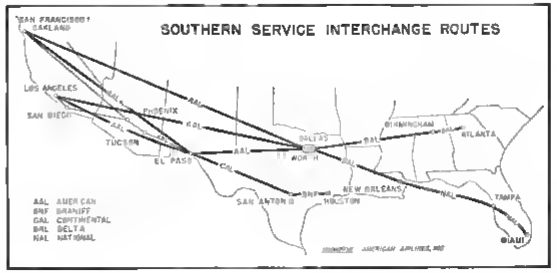
A separate interchange proposal that is not hooked up with those three is the Chicago & Southern-Pan American interchange proposal—Chicago-Mexico City.

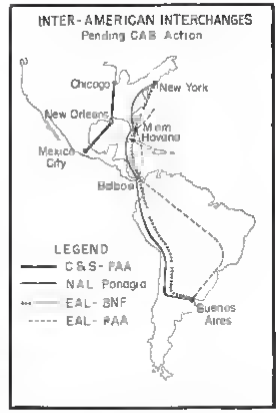
▶ **U. S. Interchanges**—CAB wants no more big new routes in the U. S., they raise expenses and shake up the established airline pattern. Solution: interchange. The three traffic points areas of the U. S. that grew fastest after the basic U. S. route pattern was laid out are Florida, Texas, California. So CAB, instead of granting new routes to build service in these new areas is by setting up interchanges.

• **Miami**—Already operating are two Detroit-Miami interchange routes. Now awaiting CAB decision are two more north-to-Miami interchanges—one from Denver and one from Kansas City. CAB itself proposed both.

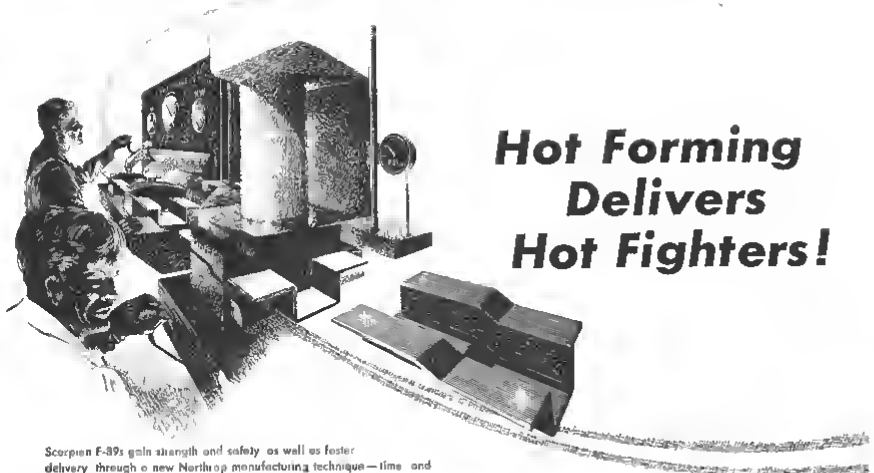
• **Houston**—Two interchanges to Houston are pending. New York-Houston via TWA and C&S interchange at Indianapolis or St. Louis, Miami-Houston via National and Eastern interchange at New Orleans.

• **Dallas**—CAB would like to see more New York-Dallas service. American gets about all the rich New York-Dallas trade now.



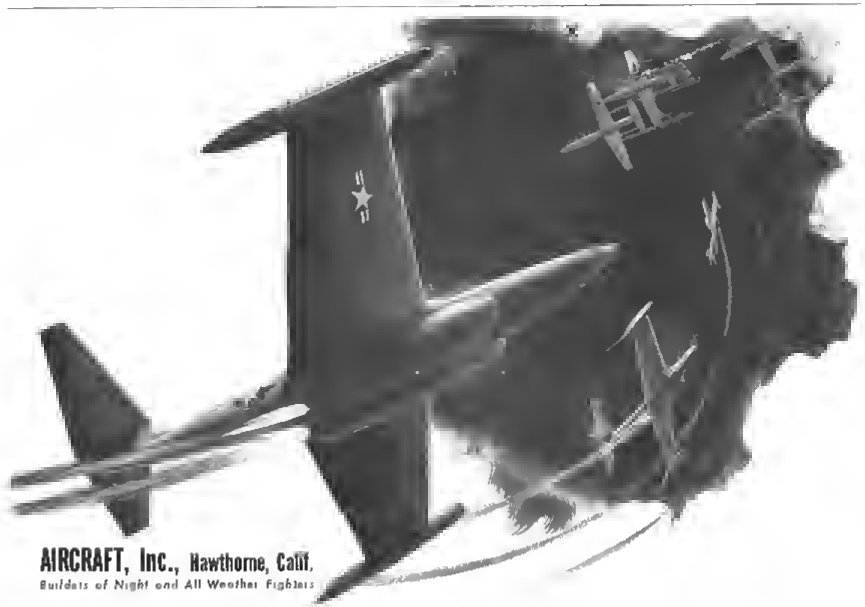




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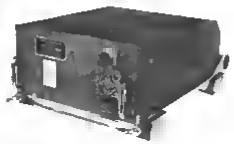
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▶Canadian Pacific Air Lines—CPA's Rolls Royce-powered DC-4s have flown 750,000 mi. on the Tokyo airlift without a major mechanical failure. Average turn-around time at Tokyo is two hr.

▶Chicago & Southern Air Lines—C&S has bought five of the six Constellations on order without touching its $2,000,000 loan commitment. All its DC-4s are now sold. Sixth Connie is due off the Lockheed line in June.

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Apr 23-24—Semi annual meeting of the Air Industries & Transport Assn of Canada, Harrison Hot Springs Hotel Harrison, British Columbia

Apr 23-26—Meeting of American Assn. of Airport Executives Radisson Hotel Minneapolis

Apr. 24—Fourth session on communications by International Civil Aviation Organization, Montreal P Q

Apr 24-26—ATA annual engineering and maintenance conference, Hotel Drake, Chicago

Apr. 26-29—1951 annual forum of the American Helicopter Society including flight demonstrations of representative service copters, Washington, D C Chairman is Bartram Kelley Bell Aircraft Corp., P O Box 1, Buffalo 5, N Y.

May 4-6—Fourth annual national intercollegiate air meet, Max Westheimer Field, Norman, Okla

May 7 11—National Fire Protection Assn 's annual meeting of committee on aviation and airport fire protection, Hotel Statler, Detroit, Mich

May 12 13—Airlines Medical Directors Assn eighth annual meeting, Hotel Shirley Savoy, Denver, Colo

May 16-18—1951 spring meeting of Society for Experimental Stress Analysis at National Bureau of Standards and Waidman Park Hotel, Washington, D C. Send inquiries to Dr Edward Wenk, Jr., David Taylor Model Basin Washington 7, D C

May 17 19—Annual convention of the Women's Aeronautical Assn of the U S, Little Rock, Ark

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May 22—Aircraft Technical Committee national meeting Aircraft Industries Assn., Statler Hotel, Washington, D C

May 27-30—Third annual Wright memorial glider meet, South Dayton Airport, Dayton, Ohio

June 13-16—Aviation Writers Assn., convention, Hotel Commodore N Y

June 15 July 1—International aviation display, Grand Palais and Le Bourget Airport, Paris

June 16 July 6—Three week Air Age Institute course, Parks College of Aeronautical Technology of St Louis University, East St Louis, Ill

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# EDITORIAL

## Refreshing News From Alabama

A refreshing story from our Southeast area correspondent deserves more attention than the average dispatch

It seems Alabama legislators were aghast the other day when Aeronautics Director Asa Rountree, Jr., asked the interim committee on finance and taxation for a reduction in his department's administrative budget from $63,000 a year to $43,000. The Aeronautics Department operates entirely out of revenue from the tax on aviation gasoline which is earmarked for that purpose.

Our correspondent, E. Dalton White, reports that the legislators got another shock when Mr. Rountree added that he could get along without four or five state-owned automobiles assigned the department.

Director Rountree has also cut his staff by five employes since last July.

Alabama should consider herself fortunate to have a public servant like Mr. Rountree. He stands out in brilliant contrast to the typical bureaucrat who has a perpetual case of the "gimmies". Let him stand as an example to government officials everywhere.

If there are, by chance, other government aviation personages who have cut their agency personnel and expenditures voluntarily, we hope someone will write us about them. We shall be pleased to accord them a proper tribute too.

## Misinformation on Non-skeds

Comments on the latest misinfomation about non scheduled carriers:

(1) The claim that since U. S. flag domestic and international non-skeds flew over 700 million revenue passenger miles last year at around three cents per passenger mile CAB's elimination or drastic cutting of non-skeds service could boost certificated airlines' 1951 passenger revenues by $10 million or more." There is no substantial evidence whatever to support this statement.

Low air fares create more passengers. Some are drawn from surface transportation—cars, buses, trains, which help aviation.

A first-rider, never on a scheduled or nonscheduled plane, is a new and continuing customer for air transportation. Others go on trips they would not make at all on standard fares, the combination appeal of time and money saving is enormous. Some non-sked passengers may be diverted from the scheduled airlines. But we think the number is small—especially in contrast with the first riders the non-skeds develop. The scheduled airlines had the best business year in their history in 1950, despite the non-skeds.

(2) "The non-skeds are insignificant, business wise." Untrue. Their 700 million revenue passenger miles computed at roughly three cents a mile adds up to some $21 million worth of business that the non-skeds carved out for themselves—no small bit of new business for aviation.

Just how much traffic is 700 million passenger miles relatively? In December, 1950, the entire domestic scheduled trunkline system of 18 airlines flew about 698.5 million revenue passenger miles. Northwest Airlines in 1950 flew about 513 million revenue passenger miles. It was the fifth largest domestic scheduled carrier from a revenue passenger mile standpoint.

(3) "The non-skeds' safety record is horrendous." In 1948 and 1949 there were serious crashes. But in 1950 the record improved tremendously. The combined U. S. flag domestic and international scheduled airlines achieved a rate of 1.4 passenger fatalities per 100-million passenger miles. The irregular air carriers achieved a rate of 4.1.

Scheduled carriers, domestic and international, had four fatal accidents in 1950 resulting in 144 passenger deaths. The non-sked carriers, domestic and international, had one fatal accident resulting in 28 passenger deaths. The non-skeds point out that this one crash was on a contract flight not open to the public.

## For Safer Air Force Planes

The Air Force's Director of Safety, Maj. Gen. V. E. Bertrandias, has made an impressive plea that aircraft manufacturers "swap" information about design and equipment difficulties, and report them to the Air Force.

He told a New York meeting of the Institute of the Aeronautical Sciences that although he was not asking competitors to divulge trade secrets, he saw no reason why the manufacturers could not exchange facts which would enable all to benefit from the "mistakes" of each producer—mistakes which he said may have been discovered at the cost of human lives as well as dollars.

Gen. Bertrandias said most manufacturers have already agreed to the idea and are already in touch with the Directorate of Air Force Safety, Norton AFB, San Bernardino, Calif. This project is part of a safety engineering program, whose importance is highlighted by the general's announcement that more planes were lost by the Air Force in World War II from non-combat causes than were shot down by the enemy.

Cheers for Gen. Bertrandias! His program for wider dissemination of such data is commendable. We have no doubt about the industry cooperating fully with the Air Force on supplying information of its own discoveries and experience. But we do have the most serious doubts that the Air Force will swap back.

For there is much more to the everlasting search for safety than disseminating information to the services about manufacturers' "mistakes." Sheer lack of experience in new and unprecedented problems of design can be as important a source of accidents as "mistakes."

Operations of new planes by the services bring out lessons that cannot be forecast on the drawing boards. "Swapping" information about design and equipment difficulties is a two way street and the Air Force has an obligation to pass along to the manufacturers what it learns in flying their airplanes.

Instead, the Air Force has always drawn a curtain of secrecy across all of its accident investigations, and as far as the manufacturers are concerned has done little more than file the reports away in its own locked files.

Time after time, conscientious officials and engineers in the aircraft companies have pleaded with AVIATION WEEK to print more information which would reveal clues to causes of military aircraft accidents, especially those occurring to new types. These industry people have told us repeatedly that little if any information reaches them unless or until a whole series of accidents pointing suspiciously to the same cause has aroused top brass to special emergency action.

Also time after time the AVIATION WEEK's efforts to get information from the Pentagon on results of accident investigations have met with failure. In fact, not one such effort has ever succeeded. The reason given the press? Security! Security for whom? Not for pilots and crewmen flying in aircraft that previous accidents have shown should be improved.

We shall watch Gen. Bertrandias' program for "safety engineering" with keen interest to see if he can keep vital safety information flowing out of the Air Force as well as into it.

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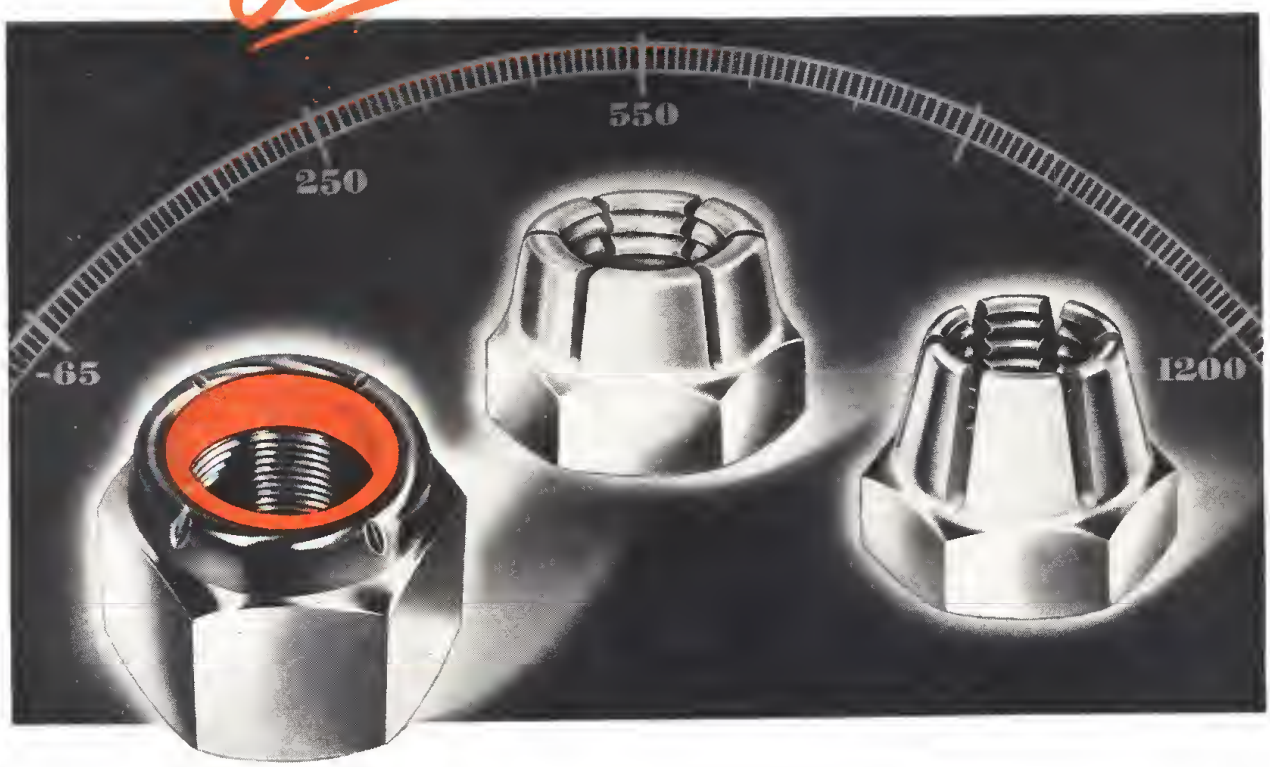
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